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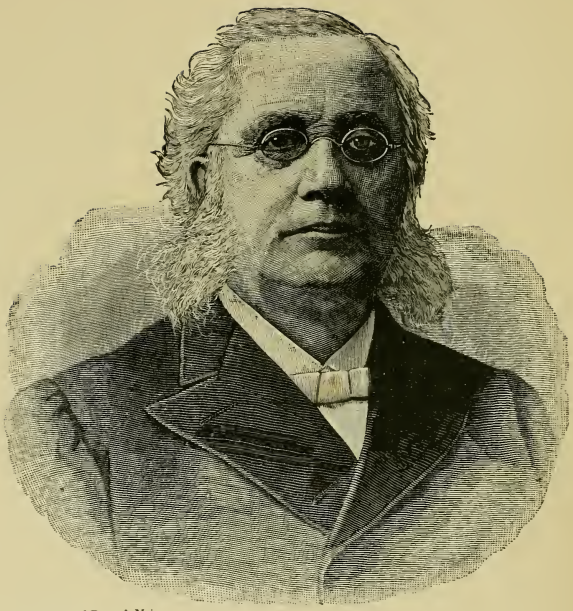

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Historical View Since Organization in 1836.

For the organization of Methodism in America, the work in North Carolina was contained in the Virginia, and afterwards in the Virginia and South Carolina Conferences. In the year 1836 the General Conference set up a North Carolina Conference. Its first session opened as a part of the Virginia Conference, but when it adjourned there were two Conferences.

SESSIONS.

No.	Date.	Place.	Bishop.	Secretary.	Preachers	In Class.	Edifices.
‡1	Feb. 8, 1837	Petersburg, Va...	.....	....	...	.....	...
2	Jan. 31, 1838	Greensboro, N. C.	Morris	H. G. Leigh.....	...	16,208	.
3	Jan. 26, 1839	Louisburg	Andrew.....	H. G. Leigh.....	..	20,030	. .
4	Jan. 29, 1840	New Berne.....	Morris	H. G. Leigh	..	20,225	...
5	Dec. 20, 1840	Mocksville.....	Morris	S. S. Bryant	...	20,579	...
6	Oct. 27, 1841	Raleigh	....	S. S. Bryant	...	21,147	...
7	Oct. 26, 1842	Louisburg	Waugh.....	S. S Bryant	...	22,851	..
8	Oct. 25, 1843	Halifax	Morris	S. S. Bryant	...	28,413	...
9	Dec. 4, 1844	Pittsboro.....	Soule	S. S. Bryant	..	25,889	..
†	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
10	Jan. 14, 1869	Union Chapel....	Ames	Wm. G. Matton....	16	3,229	14
11	Jan. 6, 1869	High Point.....	James.	Wm. G. Matton	17	4,106	28
12	Dec. 20, 1871	Lincolnton.....	Simpson	Wm. G. Matton....	28	4,560	69
13	Dec. 28, 1872	Greensboro.....	Simpson	Wm. G. Matton....	36	8,411	52
14	Jan. 8, 1873	Charlotte	Ames	Wm. G. Matton....	37	8,268	70
15	Jan. 7, 1874	Lexington	Haven	Wm. G. Matton....	35	9,531	100
16	Jan. 6, 1875	Greensboro.	Wiley	Wm. G. Matton....	44	8,582	97
17	Jan. 5, 1876	Winston	Foster	Wm. G. Matton	44	9,717	104
18	Jan. 10, 1877	Wilmington.....	Harris.....	Wm. G. Matton....	47	10,174	106
19	Jan. 24, 1878	Lumberton.....	Scott.	E. O. Thayer	42	9,525	112
20	Jan. 30, 1879	Greensboro..... .	Peck	E. O. Thayer	*45	8,525	127
21	Feb. 4, 1880	High Point.....	Simpson	E. O. Thayer	39	9,854	97
22	Jan. 27, 1881	Raleigh	Warren	E. O. Thayer . ..	34	7,012	97
23	Jan. 26, 1882	Laurinburg.....	Foster	W. F. Steele	30	7,338	93
24	Jan. 31, 1883	Winston	Merrill	W. F. Steele	37	7,488	87
25	Feb. 6, 1884	Greensboro.....	Bowman	W. F. Steele	37	7,761	94
26	Feb. 5, 1885	Lumberton.....	Andrews . .	W. F. Steele	41	8,167	99
27	Feb. 11, 1886	Charlotte	Ninde	W. F. Steele	43	8,371	95
28	Oct. 14, 1886	Raleigh	Walden	W. F. Steele	44	8,424	94
29	Oct. 27, 1887	High Point.....	Mallalieu ...	W. F. Steele	49	8,564	100
30	Oct. 25, 1888	Lenoir	Fitzgerald ..	C. N. Grandison...	52	8,948	115
31	Oct. 25, 1889	Goldsboro.....	Joyce	C. N. Grandison.. . .		8,034	...
32	Oct. 23, 1890	Maxton	Joyce	C. N. Grandison..	60	.....	...
33	Oct. 15, 1891	Winston.....	Warren	C. N. Grandison. .	...	.....	...
34	Oct. 20, 1892	Reidsville.....	Foss..... .	J. P. Morris	...	...	...
35	Oct. 19, 1893	Lexington	Hurst	J. P. Morris	66	.....	...
36	Oct. 4, 1894	Oxford	Foster	J. P. Morris	70	9,612	...
37	Oct. 16, 1695	Greensboro.....	Mallalieu ...	J. P. Morris	73	.....	...
38	Sept. 17, 1896	Charlotte	Mallalieu ...	R. W. S. Thomas...	77	.....	...
39	Oct. 7, 1897	Laurinburg.....	Andrew.	R. W. S. Thomas..	74	.....	. .

‡ Facts for the first nine sessions are gleaned from the General Minutes and from the Conference Journal for those years, which is now in the custody of the North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, South.

† At this date the Conference had 19,499 white members, and 3,390 colored. Without consulting the wisdom of the latter, nearly the whole membership became part of a new Church, organized in May, 1845, and called the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. At the close of the war in 1865 most of the colored members left the Church, South. Some entered the A. M. E. Church; some the A. M. E. Z. Church; some the Colored M. E. Church of America. But thousands gladly returned to the bosom of the old Methodist Episcopal Church as it returned to the State.

* At this session a new Conference—the Blue Ridge—was formed, with twelve preachers, 2,839 members and probationers, and 41 church edifices.

CONFERENCE BIOGRAPHY.

NAMES.	Year Born.	Where Born.	Age Conv'td.	Former Occupation.	Ent. Itin'y. Licensed.	Ent. Itin'y. On Trial.	Ent. Itin'y. Full Con.	First Conference Joined.	Year entered Conference.	When Ord. Deacon.	When Ord. Elder.	Mode of Entering N. C. Conference.	No. Years. Located.	No. Years. Supery.	No. Years. Supp'd.	No. Years. P. Elder.	No. Years. Effec've.	Present Conf. Relation.
Ash, Hugh L...	....	.....	....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	.....
Allen, Franklin	....	.....	....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	.....
Blaylock, C. W..	1847	N.C.	14	Farmer ...	5	1871	1869	A. M. E. Church..	1871	1869	1875	On Trial	..	..	..	..	18	Effective.
Bost, Franklin .	....	.....	....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	.....
Brooks, Dan'l...	1837	N. C.	17	Blacksmith..	4	1875	1873	North Carolina...	1875	1873	1877	On Trial	..	..	..	8	15	Effective.
Bullock, M. J...	1845	"	31	Carpenter	9	1887	1885	" .	1887	1885	.....	"	..	..	..	..	4	"
Byers, G. W	1856	"	15	Farmer	6	1885	1884	" .	1885	1884	1886	"	..	..	..	..	7	"
Brower, G W..	...	"	...	.....	...	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....	"	..	..	..	..	..	.....
Bethea, R. D...	....	.....	....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	"	..	..	..	..	..	.....
Campbell, R. C.	1856	S. C.	19	Teacher.....	8	1884	1886	North Carolina...	1886	1878	1887	"	..	..	..	..	6	Effective.
Champlain, J. E	1841	N. C.	24	Farmer . ..	1	1869	1871	A. M. E. Church..	1871	1896	1874	"	..	..	..	8	18	"
Chavis, J. D...	1863	"	15	Farmer	4	1889	1891	North Carolina...	1891	1889	1893	"	..	..	..	..	2	"
Chavis, W. M...	....	.....	....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	.....
Clark, Alex.....	1863	N. C.	15	Moulder	6	1886	1887	North Carolina...	1887	1885	1882	On Trial	..	..	..	..	4	Effective.
Collett, E. M...	1852	"	14	Farmer	4	1880	1883	" ..	1883	1878	1885	"	..	..	..	4	7	"
Connell, D.....	1861	"	15	Farmer	..	1869	1889	A. M. E. Church..	1871	1809	1875	"	..	..	..	..	..	"
Conner, A	1818	"	17	Farmer	7	1826	1871	North Carolina...	1870	1876	1880	"	..	..	2	..	18	"
Cornelius, S....	....	.....	....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	.....
Davis, John W..	..	.....	....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	11	.....
Diggs, J. D	....	N.C.	....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	1892	1891	.....	On Trial	..	..	..	..	..	Effective.
Evans, E. C.....	....	"	....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	1892	1892	.....	"	..	..	..	..	..	"
Foust, J. A	....	.....	....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	.....
Franklin, J. P..	....	.....	....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	.....
Gibson, L. B....	1835	N. C.	17	Shoemaker . ..	..	1870	1875	A. M. E. Church..	1870	.....	.....	On Credentials.	..	..	..	..	18	Effective.
Gibson, W. C...	1865	.....	....	Farmer	...	1873	1870	North Carolina..	1875	1874	1877	On Trial	1	..	..	..	13	Superannuated
Gibson, S. A....	1858	N. C.	16	Teacher	6	1888	1890	" ..	1890	1890	.....	"	..	..	..	..	2	Effective.
Hairston, J. D..	1852	"	26	Farmer	4	1885	....	" ..	1887	1885	.....	"	..	..	..	..	5	"
Hairston, R. P	....	.....	....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	.....
Hanes, S. M. ...	1848	N. C.	19	Farmer .	4	1873	1875	North Carolina...	1875	1873	1879	On Trial	..	..	..	..	15	Effective.
Harshaw, C.....	1840	"	25	Farmer	6	1882	1885	" ..	1886	1879	1888	"	..	..	1	..	8	"
Hayes, Wm. P..	1844	"	30	Farmer	..	1886	1888	" ..	1886	1886	.....	"	..	..	..	..	3	"

Hill, G. F	1864	N. C.	18	Farmer	1	1888	1883	North Carolina	1890	1890		On Trial			2	Effective.
Howard, E	1838	"	24		6	1883	1885	"	1883	1883	1887	"		3	7	"
Hunter, J. H	1849	"	20	Shoemaker	6	1885	1887	Christian Church	1885		1883	"			5	"
Jones, Jno. W																
Jones, J. P	1838			Carpenter		1883	1885	North Carolina	1885	1879	1887	On Trial			5	Effective.
Jones, R. E		N. C.														
Jones, M. M		"									1893	On Trial				Effective.
Johnson, S. L		"				1890			1892	1892		"				"
Lutterlough, O	1846	"	19	Farmer	8	1880	1882	North Carolina	1882	1878	1884	"			8	"
McMaster, A. W																
McLean, G. B																
Morehead, G. W	1852	N. C.	23	Carpenter	7	1885	1886	North Carolina	1886	1881	1885				5	Effective.
Morris, J. P	1861	"	20	Farmer		1888	1890	"	1890	1890	1892	On Trial			2	"
Mundy, M	1852	"	28	Farmer		1888	1890	"	1890	1890	1893	"			2	"
Murphy, J. D	1858	"	20	Farmer		1887	1890	"	1890	1890		"			3	"
McKorkle, S. R																
McDaniel, E. V	1846	S. C.	19	Farmer		1882	1890	North Carolina	1890	1890		By Transfer			2	Effective.
McDonald, L. G																
McDonald, S	1858	N. C.	25	Farmer		1888	1890	North Carolina	1890	1890	1893	On Trial			2	Effective.
McRae, D	1856	"	20	Farmer		1888	1891	"	1890	1890	1893	"			2	"
McArthur, E. H	1853	"	18	Farmer		1887		"	1891	1891		"				"
Newsome, A	1854	"	18	Farmer	2	1883	1885	"	1885	1881	1886	"			5	"
Peace, S. F. B	1851	"														
Pope, W. W	1849	"	26	Farmer	2	1884	1886	North Carolina	1886	1884	1888	On Trial			6	Effective.
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Roan, J. M																
Rogers, M. C	1854	N. C.	21	Teacher		1880	1890	North Carolina	1890	1890	1893	On Trial			4	Effective.
Rush, J. A	1865	"		Farmer		1888	1892	"	1889	1891		"				"
Smith, R	1849	"	21	Farmer	9	1887	1881	A. M. E. Church	1888	1897	1888	"		7	3	"
Thomas, R. W. S		B. W. I.		Pharmacist	4	1893	1895	North Carolina	1892	1893	1897	On Trial				"
Thomas, B. F		N. C.														
Walker, W	1826	Va.	15	Carpenter	9	1866	1886	A. M. E. Z. Church	1871	1865	1866	On Credentials			23	Effective.
Wells, I	1837	N. C.	15	Blacksmith		1870	1873	North Carolina	1873	1871		On Trial			17	"
Wells, Wm																
West, S. P	1852	S. C.	17	Mason	8	1884	1886		1886	1884	1888	On Trial			6	Effective.
									1889	1891	1893	"				"
Zeigler, W. R																

Conference Roll of 1897.

ELDERS.	Admitted to Conf.
Lewis B. Gibson,	1870
Wyatt Walker,	"
John E. Champlin,	1871
Charles W. Blaylock,	"
David Connell,	"
Isaac Wells,	1873
Daniel Brooks,	1875
Samuel M. Hanes,	"
Wiley C. Gibson.	"
Andrew Connor,	1879
Robert Smith,	1881
Osbonn Letterlough,	1882
Elias M. Collett	1883
Alexander H. Newsome,	1885
Elisha Howard,	"
George W. Byers,	"
James P. Jones,	"
William W. Pope,	1886
Charles Harshaw,	"
Simon P. West,	"
Geo. W. Morehead,	"
John D. Hairston,	1887
Joseph H. Hunter,	"
Moses J. Bullock,	"
A. Clark,	"
William P. Hayes,	1888
Evander V. McDaniel,	1890
Samuel McDonald,	"
J. P. Morris,	"
Dorsey McRae,	1893
Marcus Mundy,	"
Jordan D. Chavis,	"
Milton M. Jones,	"
Walter R. Zeigler,	"
M. C. Rogers,	"
A. W. Pryor,	"
G. F. Hill,	1890
Sandy A. Gibson,	"
Eli H. McArthur,	"
J. D. Murphy,	"
Samuel F. B. Peace,	"
J. P. Franklin,	"
Jefferson D. Diggs,	1894
John A. Rush,	1894
Samuel L. Johnson,	"
G. W. Brower,	"
Henry Evans,	"
R. E. Jones,	1895
R. W. S. Thomas,	1896
G. B. McLean,	"
B. F. Thomas,	"
J. W. Davis,	"
A. W. McMaster,	"
J. W. Jones,	"
L. G. McDonald,	"

DEACONS.

Franklin Bost,	
Hugh L. Ash,	1896
W. M. Chavis,	
R. E. Hairston,	
James A. Foust,	
Franklin Allen,	1897
Samuel McCorkle	

CANDIDATES ON TRIAL.

DEACONS.

R. O. Bethea,	
James W. Murph,	
William Wells,	
A. B. McQueen.	

Licentiates—Continued.

	Years on Trial.
J. C. Robbins,	2
William G. Alston,	

Licentiates Admitted.

Sandy Cornelius,
J. C. Addie,
Turner Mills,
William Crawford.
Samuel May,

Our Honored Dead.

"Blessed are the Dead Which Die in the Lord."—Rev. 14-13.

"Thy Brother Shall Rise Again."—Jno. 11-23.

Born.	Name.	Admitted to Conf.	Effective.	Departed, Where and When.
1816	Harry F. Pope.	1870	7	May 23, 1879; Greensboro.
1820	Mingo G. Croom.	1874	7	March 17, 1881; Wilmington.
	George W. Price.	1871	10	Sept. 12, 1881; Charlotte.
	Richard Waters.	1875	7	March 29, 1883; Maxton.
1821	Matthew Alston.	1870	14	April 1, 1884; Greensboro.
	Nelson Farror.	1871	4	January 9, 1887; Raleigh.
1816	James Payne.	1878	9	April 1, 1888; Greensboro.
1825	Alex. M. Turner.	1874	16	August 1888; Raleigh.
	Josiah Caldicutt.	1871	16	August 12, 1890; Marion.
	Geo. W. Ratcliff.	1891		1891; Hickory.
1830	Wilson W. Morgan.	1872	27	Sept. 16, 1892; Kernersville.
	Wilson Gray.	1877		November, 1892; Dobson.
	Thomas S. Stit.	1893		November, 1894; Lexington.
1839	W. H. Smith.	1888	19	May 20, 1896; Lexington.

The Conference Claimants and Their Residences.

"Who Still Their Bodies Feel."

Andrew Connor.....Jefferson.
Wiley C. Gibson.....Hamlet.
Widow of James Payne.....Greensboro.
" Alex. M. Turner.....Raleigh.
" Geo. W. Ratcliff.....Asheville.
" W. H. Smith.....Lexington.
Lewis B. Gibson.....Greensboro.
Wyatt Walker.....Reidsville.

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ASSISTANT TREASURERS—SAMUEL MCDONALD, B. F. THOMAS, G. F. HILL.

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Conference Relation—W. P. Hayes, P. J. Jones, M. Mundy, M. J. Bullock and Charles Harshaw.

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Elementary English Branches.
Life of John Wesley—*Telford.*
Larger Catechism—*Nast.*
Discipline of the M. E. Church. (1896.)
Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience—*Merrill.*
Smaller Scripture History—*Smith.*
History of American Methodism (abridged)—*Stephens.*
Leading Facts of American History—*Montgomery.*
English and American Literature—*Wheeler.*
Written Sermon and Essay.

To be Read—Wesley's Sermons, Vol. I. The Revival and the Pastor—*Peck.*

Social Aspects of Christianity—*Ely.*

A Short History of the English People—*Green.*

FIRST YEAR STUDIES.

Introductions to the Holy Scriptures (Old Testament, pages 1-447) —Harman. Exegetical Studies in the Gospels. Suggestions for Study of the English New Testament—Horswell. Systematic Theology, Vol. 1—Miley. Plain Account of Christian Perfection—Wesley. Principles of Rhetoric—Hill. Theory and Practice of Extemporaneous Preaching—Buckley. Outlines of Universal History (Ancient and Mediæval)—Fisher. Written Sermon and Essay.

To be Read.—Sermons, Vol. 2, Wesley. Tongue of Fire—Arthur. Ecclesiastical Architecture—Martin The Governing Conference in Methodism—Neely. Problem of Religious Progress—Dorchester.

Class.—Sandy Cornelius, John C. Addie, Albert B. McQueen, Turner Mills, William Crawford, Samuel L. May, William G. Alston, Rodolphus D. Bethea.

SECOND YEAR.

Introduction to Holy Scriptures (New Testament, pages 448-770) —Harman. Exegetical Studies in the Pauline Epistles. Suggestions for the Study of the English New Testament—Horswell. Systematic Theology, Vol 2—Miley. Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church (1896.) Lessons in Logic—Jevons. Outlines of Universal History (Modern) —Fisher. Written Sermon and Essay.

To be Read.—History of Methodism, 3 volumes—Stevens Christian Archæology—Bennett. Digest of Methodist Law—Merrill. Missions and Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, 3 volumes—Reid. The General Conference and Episcopacy—Harris. The Modern Sunday School—Vincent.

Class.—Samuel P. McCorkle, William Wells, Franklin Allen, W. G. Alston, James W. Murph, John C. Robbins.

THIRD YEAR.

Biblical Hermeneutics—Terry. Exegetical Studies in the Pentateuch (the Pentateuch and Isaiah)—Warren. The Supernatural Book—Foster. Elements of Psychology—Hill. History of the Christian Church, Vol. 1—Hurst. Written Sermon and Essay.

To be Read.—Introduction to Political Economy—Ely. From Dan to Bersheba—Newman. Higher Criticism. The Epworth League—

Four Wonderful Years—Berry. History of the M. E. Church, 4 volumes—Stevens. The Historic Episcopate--Cooke.

Class.--James A. Foust, William Chavis, J. M. Roan.

FOURTH YEAR.

Theological Encyclopædia and Methodology—Crooks and Hurst. Exegetical Studies in Isaiah (the Pentateuch and Isaiah)—Warren. Analogy of Natural and Revealed Religion—Butler. Preparation and Delivery of Sermons—Broadus. History of the Christian Church, Vol. 2, Hurst. (Until this volume is published use Hurst's Short History, from the Reformation to the Present Time.) Manual of Christian Evidences—Row Written Sermon and Essay.

To be Read.—Life and Epistles of St. Paul--Conybeare and Howson. History of Rationalism—Hurst. Protestant Foreign Missions—Baldwin. The Christian Life (Ethics)—Paulus

Class.—R. P. Hairston, H. L. Ashe, Franklin Bost.

TO PREACH THE MISSIONARY SERMON.

J. P. Morris; *Alternate*, J. W. Davis.

OFFICIAL VISITORS.

To Gammon Theological Seminary—J. D. Chavis, D Brooks.
To Bennett College—The Presiding Elders.

Disciplinary Questions.

QUESTION 1. Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conference? None.

2. Who have been readmitted? None.

3. Who have been received on credentials, and from what Churches? None.

4. Who have been received on trial? (*a*) In studies of first year. Sandy Cornelius, John C. Addie, Turner Mills, William Crawford, Samuel D. May, R. D. Bethea. (*b*) In studies of third year. J. A. Foust, William Chavis, John M Roan.

5. Who have been continued on trial? (*a*) In studies of first year. Samuel L. Maye, William G. Alston, John C. Robbins, Rodolphus D. Bethea. (*b*) In studies of second year. J. C. Robbins, J. W. Murph, W. G. Alston, William Wells, Franklin Allen. (*c*) In studies of third year. J. A. Foust, William Chavis. (*d*) In studies of fourth year. None.

6. Who have been discontinued? James A. Laughlin, Alexander L. Foster, G. T. Johnson.

7. Who have been admitted to membership? (*a*) Elected and ordained deacons this year. Hugh L. Ashe. (*b*) Elected and ordained deacons previously. Robert P. Hairston.

8. What members are in studies of third year? (*a*) Admitted into full membership this year. S. R. McCorkle, Franklin Allen. (*b*) Admitted into full membership previously. None.

9. What members are in studies of fourth year? R. P. Hairston, H. L. Ashe, Franklin Bost.

10. What members have completed the Conference course of study? (*a*) Elected and ordained elders this year. J. W. Davis, A. W. McMaster, J. W. Jones, G. B. McLean, B. F. Thomas, R. W. S. Thomas, L. G. McDonald. (*b*) Elected and ordained elders previously. None.

11. What others have been elected and ordained deacons? (*a*) As local preachers. None.

12. What others have been elected and ordained elders? (*a*) As local deacons. None. (*b*) Under missionary rule. Albert B. McQueen, William M. Wells.

13. Was the character of each preacher examined? This was done as each came into open Conference.

14. Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences? None.

15. Who have died? None.

16. Who have been located at their own request? None.

17. Who have been located? None.

18. Who have withdrawn? None.

19. Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints? S. B. Barker.

20. Who have been expelled? None.

21. What other personal notation should be made? None.

22. Who are the supernumerary preachers? Osborne Letterlough.

23. Who are the superannuated preachers? Wiley C. Gibson, Andrew Connor, Lewis B. Gibson, Wyatt Walker, J. E. Champlin, Chas W. Blaylock.

24. Who are the triers of appeals? J. D. Chavis, J. P. Morris, S. M. Hanes, G. W. Morehead, M. M. Jones, M. C. Rogers, W. P. Hayes.

25. What is the statistical report for this year? See tables.

26. What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections as reported by the Conference Treasurer? $1847.

27. What are the claims on the Conference fund? See Conference Steward's report.

28. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied? See Conference Steward's report.

29. Where are the preachers stationed? See appointments.

30. Where shall the next Conference be held? Lenoir, N. C.

Residences, Addresses, Etc.

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Conference Program--Oct. 6-10, 1897.

ANNIVERSARIES.

Wednesday Evening, 8 p. m.: Preaching Annual Sermon—Rev. J. N. Roan, Hickory, N. C. Assisted by Elder R. Smith. Rev. I. Wells, Presiding.

Thursday Evening: Epworth League Anniversary—8 p. m., Address, "The Meaning of the Toronto Convention," Prof. J. P. Morris, Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C. 8: 30 p. m., Address, "The League Work," Rev, I. Garland Penn, Epworth League Secretary, Atlanta, Ga. Rev. G. W. Morehead, Presiding.

Friday Evening: Freedmen's Aid Anniversary—8 p. m., Address, "Bennett College and Her Work," Rev. J. D. Chavis, President Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C. 8: 45 p. m., Address, Freedmen's Aid Secretary. Rev. W. W. Pope, Presiding.

Saturday Evening: Missionary and Southwestern Anniversaries—8 p. m., Missionary Sermon, Rev. S. F. B. Peace, Lenoir, N. C. 8: 45 p. m., Address, "The Southwestern Christian Advocate," Rev. R. E. Jones, A. B., B. D., New Orleans, La. J. A. Rush, Presiding.

Sunday Evening: Church Extension Anniversary—8 p. m., Address by William A. Spencer, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa., Secretary of Church Extension Society. Rev. E. M. Collett, Presiding.

REV. W. P. HAYES,
Pastor in Charge.
REV. D. BROOKS,
P. E. of the Wilmington District.

Journal of Daily Proceedings.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

LAURINBURG, N. C., THURSDAY, Oct. 7th, 1897.

The thirty-ninth session of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in the Galilee Chapel M. E. Church, of Laurinburg, N. C., October 7th, 1897, with Bishop Edward G. Andrews, D. D., of New York, as President.

The opening divine services were conducted by the Bishop.

The opening hymn was hymn No. 277,

"Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove,
With all thy quickening powers," &c.

The Bishop then read for scripture lessons Isaiah, 53rd chapter, and the 9th chapter of Hebrews. Then was sung

"Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!"

After the singing of this hymn the Bishop, assisted by the Presiding Elders, administered the sacrament of the Lord's supper. It was a service of heart-felt consecration. Everyone realized a nearness to the Father of all mercies.

A touching prayer was offered by the Bishop. The Bishop, in a very affectionate way, (and which will never be forgotten by the members of the Conference) delivered a short introductory address to the members of the Conference, expressing the joy it afforded him to meet the Conference again. Thir-

teen years ago he held the Conference in Lumberton, N. C. He spoks words of encouragement to the brethren and was delighted to see the marked advancement. He urged the Conference to entire consecration, also that there be no distractedness concerning the appointments, that all things worked together for good to them that are right and who love God.

The roll was called by the Secretrry of last year's session, and of the seventy-six members and probationary brethren the following were absent: Wiley C. Gibson, Osborn Letterlough, Elisha Howard, Andrew Connor, Joseph H. Hunter, Walter R. Zeigler and James A. Laughlin.

The Election of Officers.

Secretary—R. W. S. Thomas, with S. F. B. Peace and J. D. Diggs as assistants.

Statistical Secretary—J. P. Morris, with J. M. Roan, J. P. Franklin and A. W. McMaster as assistants.

Conference Treasurer—G. W. Morehead, with S. M. McDonald, B. F. Thomas and G. F. Hill as assistants.

Standing Committees, which were appointed. (See Standing Committees.)

Time for assembling of the Conference was fixed at 8:30 a. m., the first half hour to be devoted to religious services. Also the time for closing was fixed at 12 m.

Bar of Conference. On motion of Elder Smith a bar was fixed and members required to sit within it.

On motion of S. M. McDonald a Committee on State of the Church was appointed. (See Standing Committees.)

On motion of R. E. Jones a Committee on Epworth League was appointed. (See Standing Committees.)

Introductions. Rev. Shamburger, of the M. E. Church, South; Bro. S. R. Trawick, Local Deacon, of the M. E. Church, South; Rev. W. P. Donnell, of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. I. G. Penn, Assistant General Secretary of the Epworth League; Brother Lowery, of the South Carolina Conference, and Brother Jones, of the Zion M. Church.

Letters from the Educational Society, Christian Temperance Alliance, American Anti-Saloon, Board of Church Extension, Editor of *Gospel in All Lands*, Freedmen's Aid Society, Boston University, Sunday School Union and Tracts. Letters from the Western Book Concern and the Episcopal Fund were handed to the appropriate committees.

Drafts were ordered on the Book Concern for $401.00, and on Chartered Fund for $22.00. Also a draft of $10.00 as a distributive share of the bequest of Attillea F. Christman and Caroline Clark to the North Carolina Conference.

Introduction. Brother Buell, representing the New York and Western Book Concerns.

The apportionment of the North Carolina Conference for the travelling expenses for Bishops is $170.00 for the coming year. This was explained by the Bishop.

On motion of Prof. J. P. Morris the Presiding Elders be empowered to make the apportionment for each district for the Episcopal Fund.

The Bishop called on the Secretary to read the annual report of the Book Committees. After the reading of the reports the Bishop gave the necessary explanations.

The drafts were handed the Secretary to be signed, after which he delivered them to the Treasurer of the Board of Stewards, Rev. J. D. Chavis, D. D.

The Bishop called on Rev. I. G. Penn, General Secretary of the Epworth League, to give an address. He gave a very interesting address. He urged the brethren to give their strong support to the Book Concerns and Epworth League.

Thirteenth Question, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" taken up. Presiding Elder Isaac Wells, of the Greensboro District, passed and reported his work.

The following **effective Elders of the Greensboro District** passed and reported their benevolent collections (see Statistics No. 4): S. L. Johnson, M. M. Jones, Marcus Munday, Charles Harshaw, E. Howard, A. H. Newsome, J.

D. Chavis, J. P. Morris, R. E. Jones. Brother Blaylock did not report because of sickness. Brother Champlin was referred to the Committee on Conference Relation.

Brother Blaylock was made a superannuated member at his own request.

Presiding Elder E. M. Collett, of the Raleigh District, passed and reported his work.

The following **effective Elders of the Raleigh District** passed and reported their benevolent collections (see Statistics No. 4): M. C. Rogers, J. P. Jones, Evander McDaniel. S. B. Barker did not report.

On motion of Elder Collett S. B. Barker was withdrawn under complaint.

On motion of S. F. B. Peace the statistical session to be opened at 2 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Chavis was appointed to preside over the afternoon session.

Announcements by the Pastor.

Doxology sung.

Benediction pronounced by Bishop Edward G. Andrews.

Afternoon Session.

Conference convened at 2 o'clock p. m., with J. D. Chavis, D. D., presiding by request of the Bishop.

After singing the hymn,

"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound," &c.,

prayer was offered by Dr. Chavis.

The **list of the charges** was called, and most of the brethren handed in their statistics and money.

Rev. Lowery was introduced and he spoke on many points of interest. He also spoke of the magazine, *The Colored Preacher*.

Mr. A. B. Hughes, of Charlotte, N. C., was also introduced.

He spoke concerning the need of a paper for the North Carolina Conference.

On motion of M. M. Jones it was agreed that the Conference meet tomorrow at 5 o'clock p. m. to consider the advisability of supporting Brother Hughes' paper.

Dr. Chavis asked the Committee on Examination to stay in and report.

The Doxology was sung and the Conference adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 o'clock a. m.

SECOND DAY--Morning Session.

FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 8th, 1897.

At 8:30 a. m. devotional services were conducted by Bro. J. P. Franklin.

At 9 o'clock Conference opened for business, Bishop Edward G. Anderson being in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected and approved.

The **roll of absentees** was called, after which the Bishop asked the **Statistical Secretary** to call the charges of the various districts not reported yesterday, and he read as follows for the **Raleigh District:** Danville, Durham, Norfolk and Princess Anne.

Greensboro District: Caswell.

Western District: Boone and Jefferson.

Winston District: Salisbury, Trinity, Mayhew. They all reported.

The character of Bro. E. McDaniel was voted upon, and he passed.

Presiding Elder Robert Smith, of the Western District, passed and reported his work.

The following **effective Elders of the Western District,** passed and reported their benevolent collections (see Statistics No. 4): G. W. Morehead, W. A. Pryor, J. W. Brower, S. F. B. Peace, J. D. Diggs and David Connell.

Dorcy McRay read his collections, but his character was not passed.

On motion of Elder R. Smith Dorcy McRay was submitted to the Committee on Conference Relation presiding.

Presiding Elder Daniel Brooks, of the Wilmington District, passed and reported his work.

The following **effective Elders of the Wilmington District** passed and reported their benevolent collections (see Statistics No. 4): Alexander Clark, George F. Hill, W. P. Hayes, J. P. Franklin, G. W. Byers, H. Evans, J. D. Murphy.

Presiding Elder W. W. Pope, of the Winston District, passed and reported his work.

The following **effective Elders of the Winston District** passed and reported their benevolent collections (see Statistics No. 4): S. P. West, S. M. Hanes, J. A. Rush, Samuel McDonald, M. J. Bullock, C. H. McAuthur, S. A. Gibson.

J. D. Hairston and J. H. Hunter did not report, being absent, but their reports were read by their Presiding Elder.

Question 22: "Who are the supernumerary preachers?" Bro. Osborn Letterlow.

Question 23: "Who are the superannuated preachers?" W. C. Gibson, Andrew Conner, Lewis B. Gibson, Wyatt Walker.

Question 5: "Who have been continued on trial?" The committee and Presiding Elders having reported, the following brethren were continued as follows: (*a*) In studies of first year—John C. Addie, Turner Mills, William Crawford, Samuel L. May and R. D. Bethea. Bro. Sandy Cor-

nelius' case was postponed until tomorrow. (*b*) In studies of second year—James W. Murph, Albert B. McQueen, William G. Alston, John C. Robbins. James A. Laughlin was discontinued. (*c*) In studies of third year—James A. Foust and William Chavis not having been present, did not pass and were continued in the studies of the third year.

Question 9: "What members are in studies of fourth year?" R. P. Hairston, Hugh L. Ashe and Franklin Bost.

Introductions. Bro. Robinson, Bro. C. R. Brown, of the South Carolina Conference; Bro. Dawkins, of the A. M. E. Church.

Question 10: "What members have completed the Conference course of study?" (*a*) J. W. Davis, A. W. McMaster J. W. Jones, G. B. McLean, B. F. Thomas, R. W. S. Thomas, L. G. McDonald having passed their examinations, and their characters passed, were admitted to Elders' orders.

Greeting from Dr. W. F. Steel, ex-President of Bennett College, who is now in Denver, Colorado, through Bishop Andrews, was accepted by a unanimous rising vote.

A Collection of $1.69 was taken up for stationery.

Introduction. Rev. W. G. Catus of the Presbyterian Church of Laurinburg.

Devotional exercises to be conducted by Bro. J. A. Rush tomorrow morning.

Doxology sung. **Benediction** by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

SATURDAY MORNING, Oct. 9th, 1897.

At 8:30 a. m. the devotional exercises were conducted by J. A. Rush.

At 9 o'clock Conference opened for business, the Bishop being in the chair.

The **minutes** of the previous session were read, corrected and approved.

Question 30: "Where shall the next Conference be held?" The following places were named: **Lenoir** and **Lumberton.** Lenoir was ably represented by Rev. S. F. B. Peace, Presiding Elder Robert Smith, G. W. Morehead, Prof. J. P. Morris and Elder Brooks. Lumberton was represented by Bro. J. P. Franklin, after which the votes were taken, which resulted as follows: Lenoir, 51; Lumberton, 3. **Lenoir** having received the largest number of votes, was chosen as the seat of next Conference.

Question 7: "Who have been admitted into full membership? Samuel R. McCorkle and Franklin Allen passed and reported, and were admitted into full membership and elected to Deacon's orders.

On motion of Robert Smith G. Johnson was discontinued. W. M. Wells was continued in study of second year.

The Bishop, after asking the disciplinary questions, delivered an impressive address to the members entering Conference. His subject was **The Ideal Minister.** It was very timely and was helpful to the entire Conference. In this address he showed that the ideal minister must be—first, a man of faith; second, a man of love; third, a man of great lowliness and humility of mind; fourth, a man who nourishes all faith by coming face to face with God; fifth, a man who must study the truth of God; sixth, a man who must get spiritually and mentally strong; seventh, a man who tries to clear himself and work from what is called friction; eighth, he is a catholic man—not a Roman Catholic man.

Question 11: "What others have been elected and ordained?" Albert B. McQueen, William M. Wells. On motion of their **Presiding Elder** these brethren were elected to Deacons' orders under **missionary rule.**

Report of Committee on Conference Relations. (See Report.)

On motion of Bro. J. D. Chavis the character of J. E. Champlin was passed. On motion of J. D. Chavis J. E. Champlin was given a superannuated relation.

In the case of D. McRay the committee asked the Bishop to reprimand him, upon which the Bishop stated that the committee could not inflict punishment or reprimand, as there is not such power in the Discipline.

In the case of Sandy Cornelius he was continued in the studies of the first year.

Question 4: "Who have been received on trial?" J. M. Roan, of the Western District. His orders having been recognized, he was admitted into **full connection** and was placed in the studies of the third year.

Notices were given by the pastor, Bro. Hayes.

Benediction by the Bishop.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

OCTOBER, 10, 1897.

At 9, a. m., the Conference love-feast was conducted by Presiding Elder E. M. Collett. It was a time of great rejoicing to the children of God.

At 11 a. m., the Bishop preached a powerful sermon on the "Five Talents." After the sermon the Ordination services were conducted by the Bishop and the following were ordained Deacons: S. R. McCorkle, Franklin Allen, Albert McQueen and Wm. M. Wells.

At 3 p. m., the **Ordination of Elders**. The following brethren were ordained: J. W. Davis, A. W. McMaster, J. W. Jones, G. B. McLean, B. F. Thomas, R. W. S. Thomas and L. G. McDonald. After the service was a touching sermon by Rev. I. E. Lowrey, of the S. C. Conference.

At 8 p. m., address on "Christian Education and the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society" by Rev. J. D. Chavis, D. D., President of Bennett College.

FOURTH DAY—Morning Session.

MONDAY MORNING, Oct. 11th, 1897.

At 8.30, devotional services were conducted by Bro. M. J. Bullock.

At 9 a. m., the Conference opened for business, the Bishop in the chair.

The **minutes** of the previous session were read and approved. The Bishop then called on the **Statistical Secretary** to read his reports, Nos. 1 and 4. He then read the reports by districts as follows: Greensboro, Raleigh, Winston, Western and Wilmington. (See report.) The report was accepted. After this the **Treasurer** was called on to read his report. His report was adopted. The grand total is $1,858. (For report see report.)

The certificates of ordinations were handed the Secretary by the Bishop.

Next came the **Report of Stewards.** This report was read by the Chairman. It was accepted. (See report.)

On motion of Bro. J. A. Rush, the debts of the Conference Claimants were ordered to be paid out of their appropriation from the Conference Claimant Fund.

The Bishop brought before the Conference the matter of **Ministerial Delegates** to the General Conference as offered by the East Main Conference. The Bishop explained it fully to the Conference after which came the **Voting on the Proposition.** The result of the voting was as follows. For the Proposition, 10; against, 40.

The **Board of Stewards** were granted a leave of absence, to attend to important duties, after which the following Committee read their reports, which were all adopted. Committee on Education, Church Extention, Tracts and Sunday Schools, Bible Cause, Epworth League, Sabbath Observance, Freedmen's A. and S. E. Society. On motion of J. P. Jones, an amendment was offered to the report of Church Extention. Various resolutions were offered and adopted, (see resolutions.) After the reading of the Church Extention report **Elders Collett and Smith** spoke earnestly on the need of the pastors giving strict attention to the **Church Extention Society** and that all debts due the Society should be paid as soon as possible.

Reading of Reports. The following reports were read: The report on the State of the Church, and the Distribution of the Conference claimants, (see report.) The **Missionary Appropriations,** (see report.)

On motion of Brother Collett the Conference sends through the Secretary, greetings to Dr. W. F. Steele, University Park, Denver, Colorado.

On motion of Bro. M. M. Jones the Secretary called the roll of delinquents on minutes and found as follows: Winston, $3.50; Greensboro, $2.00; Wilmington, $2.00; Raleigh. $0.60; Western, $3.00.

The Bishop then appointed to preach the **Missionary Sermon** J. P. Morris; alternate, J. W. Davis. He also appointed Bro. S. F. B. Peace to fill the vacancy in the Board of Examination in place of W. W. Pope, who resigned.

On motion of J. D. Chavis the Presiding Elders and the Secretary look after all the accounts for the minutes.

On motion of Rev. E. M. Collett after the reading of the appointments that the Conference adjourn sine die. The Bishop arose and asked the Conference to sing hymn No. 816, Methodist Hymnal:

And let our bodies part,
To different climes repair;
Inseparably joined in heart
The friends of Jesus are.

O let us still proceed
In Jesus' work below
And, following our triumphant Head,
To further conquests go.

Five stanzas of this hymn were sung with much feeling. After the singing the Bishop lead in a very heart-touching prayer, followed by an appropriate exhortation and the reading of the appointments, which was as follows:

GREENSBORO DISTRICT.

ISAAC WELLS, Presiding Elder. P. O., Greensboro, N. C.

Benaja and Thompsonville.....J. C. Robbins.
Caswell.....To be supplied (Henry Garrett.)
Center and Julian.....B. F. Thomas.
East Greensboro.....W. G. Alston.
Greensboro.....M. M. Jones.
Leaksville.....Marcus Mundy.
Madison.....Alexander Clark.
Madison Circuit.....J. D. Hairston.
Pin Hook, (Va.).....To be supplied (L. W. Thomas.)
Ramseur.....Elisha Howard.
Reidsville.....A. H. Newsome.
Rocky Mount, (Va.).....To be supplied (I. W. Wells.)
South Greensboro.....G. B. McLean.
Summerfield.....W. M. Chavis.
West Greensboro.....Franklin Allen.

J. D. Chavis, President; J. P. Morris and R. W. S. Thomas, Professors in Bennett College, members of Greensboro Quarterly Conference.

R. E. Jones, Assistant Manager of the *South Western Christian Advocate*, member of Greensboro Quarterly Conference.

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

E. M. COLLETT, Presiding Elder, P. O., Oxford, N. C.

Clarksville ..... To be supplied.
Danville, (Va.) ..... To be supplied (Isaac Garett.)
Durham ..... To be supplied.
Goldsboro ..... L. G. McDonald.
New Berne ..... J. P. Jones.
Norfolk and Princess Anne, (Va.) .. To be supplied.
Oberlin ..... M. C. Rogers.
Oxford ..... W. R. Ziegler.
Raleigh ..... G. F. Hill.
Townsville and Henderson ..... E. V. McDaniel.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

ROBERT SMITH, Presiding Elder, P. O., Hickory, N. C.

Asheville ..... H. L. Ashe.
Boone ..... S. B. Cornelius.
Forest City ..... J. C. Addie.
Franklin and Bryson ..... To be supplied (R. J. Shipp.)
Gastonia ..... G. W. Brower.
Hickory ..... J. M. Roan.
Jefferson ..... To be supplied.
Lenoir ..... S. F. B. Peace.
Lincolnton and Stanley's Creek .. S. R. McCorkle.
Macphelah ..... G. W. Morehead.
Marion ..... A. W. McMaster.
Patterson ..... William Crawford.
Shelby and Fallston ..... R. P. Hairston.
Sherrill's Ford and Newton ..... E. H. McArthur.
West Asheville and Waynesville .. R. D. Bethea.
Wilkesboro ..... David Connell.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

DANIEL BROOKS, Presiding Elder, P. O., High Point, N. C.

Charlotte: Simpson Chapel ..... J. W. Davis.
Charlotte: Mission ..... W. M. Wells.
Columbus, (P. O. Elkton) ..... A. B. McQueen.
Concord and Monroe ..... Turner Mills.
Fayetteville and Prospect Hall .... To be supplied (S. A. J. Miller.)
Hamlet and Southern Pines ..... G. W. Byers.

Laurinburg.....W. P. Hayes.
Lumberton.....J. P. Franklin.
Maxton.....J. D. Diggs.
Melrose.....Henry Evans.
Rowland and Salem.....J. D. Murphy.
Swan Station and Vass.....To be supplied (A. T. Covington.)
Wilmington and Burgaw.....J. W. Murph.

WINSTON DISTRICT.

W. W. POPE, Presiding Elder, P. O. Winston, N. C.

Advance.....S. P. West.
Asheboro.....Samuel McDonald.
High Point.....S. L. Johnson.
Jonesville.....J. W. Jones.
Kernersville.....F. L. Bost.
Lexington.....S. M. Hanes.
Mahew.....S. A. Gibson.
Mitchell.....J. H. Hunter.
Mount Airy.....M. J. Bullock.
Salisbury.....To be supplied.
Statesville and Philadelphia.....Charles Harshaw.
Trinity..... W. A. Pryor.
Walnut Cove.....Dorsey McRae.
Winston.....J. A. Rush.
Yadkin.....S. L. May.

J. A. Foust left without appointment to attend some one of our schools.

Minutes read and approved.

The **Doxology** was sung, the **Benediction** pronounced by the President of the Conference, and the THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, adjourned sine die.

Edward G. Andrews,
President.

R. W. S. Thomas,
Secretary.

Certificates.

This certifies that in Laurinburg. N. C., on Sunday, Oct. 10, 1897, Samuel R. McCorkle, Franklin Allen, Albert B. McQueen and William M. Wells were duly ordained DEACONS by the undersigned, and John W. Davis, Alfred W. McMaster, John W. Jones, Gabriel B. McLean, Benjamin F. Thomas, Robert W. S. Thomas and Leonard G. McDonald, were duly ordained ELDERS by the undersigned, assisted by several Elders.

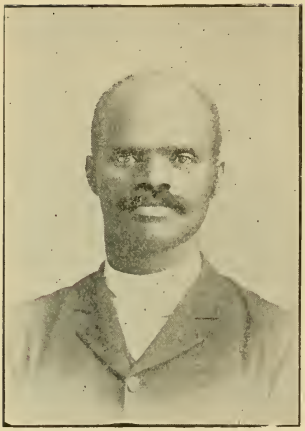
EDWARD G. ANDREWS.

Laurinburg, N. C., October, 11th, 1897.

I hereby certify that the foregoing papers contain a correct copy of the proceedings of the N. C. Conference of the M. E. Church, at its session, held in Laurinburg, N. C., from Oct. 7th to 11th A. D. 1897.

R. W. S. THOMAS.

Reports.



Rev. G. W. Morehead, Conference Treasurer.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE TREASURER

For the year ending October 7-11, 1897. By Districts.

Greensboro District	$ 445
Raleigh District	105
Winston District	532
Western District	342
Wilmington District	434
Grand total this year	$1,858
Grand total last year	1,560
Increase this year	$ 298

G. W. MOREHEAD, Treasurer.

ON MISSIONS.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT—District, $150; Madison Circuit, $35; Ramseur, 20; Rocky Mount, 40; Pen Hook, 35; West Greensboro, 20; Total, $300.

RALEIGH DISTRICT—District, $500; Durham, 30; Oberlin, 30; Oxford, 100; Goldsboro, 100; New Berne, 200; Norfolk and Princes Anne, Va., 60; Raleigh, 100; Total, $1,120.

WESTERN DISTRICT—District, $190; Asheville, 200; Boone, 25; Franklin, 20; Shelby and Fallston, 20, West Asheville, 20; Wilksboro, 50; Jefferson, 15; Total, $560.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT—District, $150, Charlotte Mission, $140; Charlotte, 60; Columbus, 35; Concord, 25; Fayetteville, 25; Swan Station and Vass, 25; Wilmington, 190; Total, $650.

WINSTON DISTRICT—District, $40; Advance, 25; Jonesville, 20; Kernersville, 20; Mayhew, 20; Mt. Airy, 50; Statesville and Philadelphia, 35; Yadkin, 20; Asheboro, 20; Salisbury, 70; Total, $320. Grand Total, $2,950.

I hereby concur in the above appropriations.

EDWARD G. ANDREWS.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

Received of the Book Concern, $401; Chartered Fund $22; Christman and Caroline, Clark, $10; N. C. Conference Claim, 66; Total, $499.

We recommend the following disbursements:

To Widow Ratcliff,	through	Robt. Smith	$ 37 00
" Turner,	"	E. M. Collett	55 00
" Payne,	"	M. M. Jones	60 00
" Smith,	"	Isaac Wells	48 00
To Rev. L. B. Gibson,	through	J. D. Chavis	40 00
" A. Conner,	"	J. D. Diggs	55 00
" W. C. Gibson,	"	himself	50 00
" Wyatt Walker,	"	"	50 00
" Jno. E Chanplin,	"	"	42 00
" Chas. W. Blaylock	"	A. H. Neusome	62 00
Total			$499 00

J. D. CHAVIS, CHAIRMAN. ALEX CLARK.
S. F. B. PEACE. L. G. MCDANIEL.
J. A. RUSH.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, the Auditing Committee, beg leave to report: We have examined the Presiding Elders' vouchers and find them correct.

J. D. CHAVIS, ALEX CLARK,
S. F. B. PEACE, L. G. McDANIEL.
J. A. RUSH,

REPORT OF GREENSBORO DISTRICT.

Rev. I. Wells, Presiding Elder of Greensboro District.

Dear Father and Brethren:

I am glad to report my work of this District. When I came on the District I found it good but decided to make it better. I have made four visits on every charge with the exception of one.

TEMPORALITIES.

Benaja and Thompsonville, Center and Julian, East Greensboro, Madison, Madison Circuit, South Greensboro and Summerfield many dollars are spent for improvements.

SPIRITUALITY.

Benaja and Thompsonville—Bro. C. W. Blaylock, conversions, 15. Caswell—Henry Garret, 5. Greensboro—M. M. Jones, 18. Madison—M. Mundy, 12. Madison Circuit—C. H. Harshaw, 10. Ramseur—E. Howard, 35. Reidsville and Leaksville—A. H. Newsome, 6. Summerfield—Wm. Chavis, 45. East Greensboro—S. L. Johnson, 21. West Greensboro—Frank Allen, 31. Center and Julian—B. F. Thomas, 22. Rocky Mount, Va—J. C. Robbins.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday Schools are all in good condition. I visited all of them. The brethren have labored earnestly and we have enjoyed harmony.

EDUCATION.

Bennett College is doing a noble work. The President, Rev. J. D. Chavis, D. D., is a good worker and the school has prospered under his administration.

BENEVOLENCES.

Benaja, $5; Caswell, —; Center and Julian, 23; East Greensboro, 23; Greensboro, 200; Leaksville and Reidsville, —; Madison, 40; Madison Circuit, 12; Ramseur, 20; Summerfield, 18; South Greensboro, 20; Rocky Mountain, Va., 7; West Greensboro, 18; Shady Grove, 9.

PRESIDING ELDERS' SALARY.

Benaja, paid $36, due $44; Caswell, paid —, due —; Center and Julian, paid 43, due 14; East Greensboro, paid —, due —; Greensboro, paid 100; Leaksville, paid 46, due 41; Madison, paid 40, due 17; Madison Circuit, paid 20, due 18; Ramseur, paid 36, due 44; Reidsville, paid 35, due 5; Rocky Mount, paid 40, due 5; South Greensboro, paid 45, due 27; Summerfield, paid 32, due 48; West Greensboro, paid 23, due 17. Amount paid, $491; due, $316.

Respectfully yours,

I. WELLS,

Presiding Elder.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Through the providence of God, I am permitted to report my District.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed us, and through many difficulties, has gently brought us together to report another year's work.

Owing to the scarcity of money much has not been done in church building and improvement.

At Gastonia and Stanley Creek—There is lumber for a church at Stanley Creek. Improvements at Gastonia.

McPelah—One church is being built at St. James.

Newton, Wilkesborough, Boone and Jefferson, Patterson, Blowing Rock and German Hill, Lenoir, Marion, West Ashville and Waynesville are some improvements.

At Hickory a debt of $50 has been paid and at Asheville we have a church frame up on the lot on Hill St.

INDEBTEDNESS.

There is but little indebtedness on this District.

Gastonia	$ 40 00
Waynesville	200 00
Blowing Rock	20 00
Lenoir	22 00
Total	$282 00

Rev. Robert Smith, Presiding Elder of the Western District.

SPIRITUAL.

About 427 conversions and most of them joined the church.

EDUCATION.

Our people are realizing more and more the need of "Christian Education." A large number of our young men and women are preparing to enter school this fall. Some to Bennett, others to the Industrial School at Asheville, which is the best school in the State for colored girls.

At Hickory a school is established and is known as the Hickory Normal and Industrial School. Attendance last year, 87. Rev. J. M. Roam, Principal.

FINANCE.

I have urged the pastors and members at each Quarterly Conference to pay their Benevolent collections.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

There are 46 Sunday Schools, 220 officers and teachers, 2124 scholars.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The organization is doing good work among our people. There are 26 chapters on the District. The second Epworth League and Sunday School Convention was held at Gastonia, June 23-27. The Assistant Secretary, Bro. I. G. Penn visited the convention and lectured twice. I was sent as a delegate to the International Convention held in Toronto, Canada, 1897.

PRESIDING ELDER'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

Names of Charges.	Apportionment.	Paid.
Asheville	$ 35 00	$ 20 95
West Asheville	40 00	40 00
Marion	45 00	45 00
Forest City	60 00	45 05
Shelby and Falston	50 00	35 85
Lenoir	55 00	46 05
Gastonia	45 00	45 00
Macpelah	120 00	84 78
Newton	50 00	50 00
Hickory	40 00	40 00
Franklin	25 00	7 00
Wilkesboro	32 00	22 30
Boone	30 00	5 95
Patterson	20 00	28 10
Lincoln	20 00	9 4
Total	$667 00	
Deficiency	$149 27	

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT SMITH,
Presiding Elder.

REPORT OF THE RALEIGH DISTRICT.

Dear Father and Brethren:

With many thanks to God, I submit to you the following report: This is a new district, which was made by Bishop Mallalieu last year. It consisted of eight charges and about three hundred members at that time. It has a vast territory. Of the ninety-six counties of the state of North Carolina, forty-two of them are in the Raleigh District. There are more colored people in the forty-two counties than in the rest of the State. If there is any section in this "South Land" where we are needed, surely it is this part of the state. If I were to paint a true picture of the religious condition of our people in this field upon canvas, you would hardly believe it.

Rev. E. M. Collett, Presiding Elder of the Raleigh District.

The East is dark beyond your conception. In many places the people are hardly a step away from the days of slavery, in their manner of worship. Superstition, ignorance and vice are among them and their worship is a little better than heathen worship. Brethren, there is much to be done.

Goldsboro—Bro. M. C. Rogers has done good work and many members have been added to the church. The congregation has greatly improved.

Oberlin—Bro. L. G. McDonald, has done a faithful year's work, but the church is not progressing.

Raleigh—Bro. S. A. Miller, has labored against great odds, yet

with some success. A powerful revival broke out and its influence reached all parts of the city. Words are inadequate to express it.

Oxford—Bro. L. B. Barker, was appointed to this charge, but gave it up in January. I supplied the work the best way possible until April and placed Prof. R. W. S. Thomas in charge. He has done a noble work as his report will show. A glorious revival which resulted in over seventy conversions and twenty accessions.

Townsville—Bro. R. P. Hairston, has done excellent work. His work was blessed with a good revival and many accessions. A mission has been organized in Henderson.

Norfolk and Prince Ann, Va.—Bro. I. McDaniel is in charge of this work. This is a hard field but an inviting one. Our greatest need is money to carry forward the work.

Durham and Creedmore—This work was supplied by Bro. W. Hines. He has been sick nearly all the year, therefore little has been done. At Durham the church is unfinished. The membership is small consequently we can hardly make a show, but we have made many friends and the outlook for us is now better than ever before.

New Berne—Bro. J. P. Jones, after a long and hard struggle has erected a beautiful church. We are expecting to have a grand revival in the winter. Bro. Jones should be commended for his push and devotedness to the cause.

At Goldsboro, Oxford, and New Berne have been improvements on churches. The other charges and those above named have raised a better amount than last year. I have not allowed an opportunity to pass to impress "Temperance" among the members.

Our District Conference and Epworth League Convention met in Oxford, June 29th, at which time we organized a "State League." The meeting was inspiring to all the brethren and friends who visited the conference and convention.

I have not failed to see after all the interest of my district. I have preached 158 sermons and the Lord has visited us in great power. I have seen the suffering cured, the unable made able, the blind to see, the lame to leap as the heart, the bowed-down strengthened through the Gospel. This truly is a year of wonders to me.

For the lack of finance I have not been able to travel much. I have been invited into a number of new fields which I intend to visit in the near future.

A great harvest awaits us. Praise, Honor and Glory be unto the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. Respectfully Yours,

E. M. COLLETT.

Rev. W. W. Pope, Presiding Elder of the Winston District.

REPORT OF THE WINSTON DISTRICT.

Dear Father and Brethren:

By the mercies of God I am permitted to report the Winston District.

I was apointed to this District one year ago and have traveled through all the charges and looked after the Spiritual and Temporal business of the church.

I found the District in a good condition. I have urged the benevolent collections on all the charges.

Special attention has been given to the organizing of Epworth Leagues on the District, and the results are, we have twelve chapters in good working condition; number of active members 786, associate members 300.

We have also organized a District Epwort League and Sunday School Convention on the District.

This District has fifteen appointments, eleven of which are Missionary points.

Advance Circuit—On the Advance Circuit we have bought a lot, bought a church and rolled it on the lot in East Winston.

Asheboro—At Asheboro we have paid off the indebtedness of the church and dedicated it to God and Methodism.

Dobson Charge—We have had several conversions, but no church work. I recommend a change.

High Point—We have enclosed a brick church, which when completed will seat about five hundred. Brother Ashe has worked hard all of the year, paying off an indebtedness of $727.

Jonesville—We have enclosed our new church at Elkin which is an honor to Methodism in that part of the District.

Kernersville—We have enclosed a new church and were able to hold our Fourth Quarterly in it.

Lexington—Our church blew off the foundation and stopped the work at Thomasville a while, but we have succeeded in getting it up again and the work goes on.

Mayhew—We have made considerable improvements on our camp ground; partly recovered the arbor, also prepared to build at Mount Mourus.

Mitchell—We have paid for a lot and ready to build.

Mt. Airy—At this point there has been a great work done in bringing our membership together. We are preparing here to build a new church.

Salisbury—We have no membership.

Statesville-Philadelphia.—We have been able to complete our arbor.

Trinity—We have painted one church, completed the inside work of two, having another partly framed.

Walnut Cove—Great improvement has been made on this work more than has been for fifteen years previous. We recommend some changes.

Winston—We have bought a lot at the cost of $1,040, paid $850 cash on it, raised nearly $500 on our new church. Our greatest need at this point is a church large enough for our congregation.

Yadkin Charge—We have not made any improvement in church building, but the work has been built up spiritually.

SPIRITUAL.

Advance, conversions, 40. Asheboro, 18. Dobson, 34. High Point, 5. Jonesville, 20. Kernersville, 18. Lexington, 10. May-

hew, 20. Mitchell, 17. Mt. Airy, 22. Statesville and Philadelphia, 30. Trinity, 25. Walnut Cove, 52. Winston, 175, and Yadkin, 36.

PRESIDING ELDER'S SUPPORT.

Names of Charges.	Apportionment.	Paid
Advance	$ 73.00	$ 41.00
Asheboro	50.00	36.90
Dobson	12.00	6.00
High Point	52.00	52.00
Jonesville	40.00	31.90
Kernersville	40.00	23.70
Lexington	70.00	37.16
Mayhew	40.00	40.00
Mitchell	39.00	30.55
Mt. Airy	60.00	56.00
Statesville-Philadelphia	40.00	30.85
Trinity	40 00	30.65
Walnut Cove	52.00	46.15
Winston	165.00	165.00
Yadkin	40.00	30.55
Total	$815.00	$656.36
Deficiency	154.84	

Respectfully yours,

W. W. POPE,
Presiding Elder.

REPORT OF THE WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Dear Bishop and Brethren:

With a heart of thankfulness to God I am pleased to report I have twelve charges and one mission and have visited every charge and preaching place with the exception of two. There are in all charges and preaching places thirty-two on the district. I have given all my time to the work and find the work very good, but with few exceptions.

Charlotte Station.—There has been a spiritual uplift in the church nearly all the year. Many conversions and accessions. Over $50.00 benevolent money.

Columbus Circuit.—Here we have two churches and a membership of fifty. There has been some conversions and accessions also some money for improvements and benevolances.

Concord and Monroe Circuit.—The work is moving on notwithstanding many disadvantages. Bro. Mills lost his wife and shortly after he took sick and was prevented from his duties six months.

Rev. D. Brooks, Presiding Elder of Wilmington District.

Fayetteville and Prospect Hall.—Much has not been done, for several years. Bro. Clark has worked hard but not much result. I think it will be a good while before much can be done here. In 1886 the membership at the Fayetteville church was 18; to-day the whole circuit has about 40 members. The growth is slow.

Hamlet Charge.—Bro. G. F. Hill and people have enjoyed a glorious year and had many conversions and accessions. The people are willing to work and complete the church at Hamlet, but they have not the means.

Philadelphia—Is in good order

Laurinburg Circuit—Bro. Hayes has been hard at work and has not left one stone unturned. He has worked faithfully to make it enjoyable for the conference. The church is in good condition, spiritually and financially. There is a marked interest in this work.

Lumberton.—Bro. Franklin has raised money and improved the church and parsonage. He has not failed in his benevolent collections. There has been some conversions and accessions.

Maxton Circuit.—Much has not been done, but the work is in a moderate state. Many members have gone to the Melrose charge as they have gone to that part of the country. Some few conversions and accessions.

Melrose.—The work is growing. The pastor (Bro. Evans) and his people have built a new parsonage. All the churches are doing well except Wall's Chapel. There were 58 conversions at Hickory Bend circuit, of this number forty joined the church.

Rowland and Salem Circuit.—This has been a successful year to

this point in many respects. Many conversions and a settlement of old bills, and improvements.

Swan and Vass.—This circuit was supplied by Bro. A. T. Covington, a local preacher. This work has improved spiritually, temporially and financially.

The Mission Work at Charlotte—Is in a desirable place. The membership now is 28. This church was organized June 15th and has twenty-eight members. They have raised over $50 00. Bro. Wells has done good work.

Wilmington Charge.—There has been success spiritually and financially. Bro. Murph has not failed in doing his very best along all lines and church improvements.

HRESIDING ELDER'S REPORT.

Name of Charge.	Apportionment.	Paid.
Charlotte	$ 50 00	$ 50 co
Columbus	10 00	4 80
Concord		7 95
Fayetteville	18 00	5 47
Hamlet	30 00	30 00
Laurinburg	100 00	90 75
Lumberton	10 00	64 43
Maxton	90 00	71 06
Melrose	80 10	60 96
Rawland	52 00	58 20
Swans	20 00	19 36
Wilmington	16 00	16 00
Charlotte Mission		2 80

Yours truly,

DANIEL BROOKS.

REPORT OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Debalbow, despite the mandates of the King of Spain, in a proclamation forbidding all debtors to leave the shore, and migrate to the world of gold; despite a heavy debt, a large family, enemies, and the royal proclamation, he caused himself to be rolled on board of a vessel and set sail for the land of his ambition. When detected by the captain, who threatened to flog him, and to throw him overboard, he went on determined, nevertheless, to stay on board so long as the

ship was safe. He comes to the Pacific, the Mother of Waters, and seized with astonishment that convulsed his very being, he falls and thanks God for his beneficence in bringing him to such a magazine of supplies. He felt, also, if he received no gold he was more than amply paid for throwing himself in His loving arms for protection and care. So, with Methodist Episcopalians everywhere. Though objected to by enemies, she holds on with increasing force, spreads with immeasurable rapidity and is now building about three churches a day. She designs, not boxes, for many of them are elegant in form, magnificant in construction. This phase of her work is Church Extension. This is one of the profitable discoveries of the Church, whose accomplishments cannot be estimated in time, and the study of its work will engage us through all eternity. And as Bishop Fowler has said "that this is a work peculiar to itself." The plan of using a definite sum of money as a basis, sending it to build one church as a loan, paying it back, then sending it to build another; this done through all the years is certainly a peculiar meaning of the plan. This is certainly a missionary spirit." It has gone helping the weak and bringing possibilities out of nothing. There is in the church no society that has driven so many impossibilities from us as the Church Extension. Study its work. The following figures compose some of its doings given in the briefest synopsis:

ON GENERAL ACCOUNTS.

Last year	$ 72,835.93
This year	88,168 01
Increase	$ 16,132.08

ON LOAN FUND CAPITAL.

Last year	$ 28,265.00
This year	21,974.54
Increase	$ 60,290.54

ON LOAN FUND RETURNED.

Last year	$ 37,174.88
This year	44,557.21
Increase	$ 7,382.33

TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES.

Last year	$137,475.81
This year	145,699.68
Increase	$ 17,228 87

The above aggregate shows that we are again on the upward grade,

and the North Carolina, as well as all our Southern Conferences, should take a firmer stand for this work, and labor more ardously and adroitly for this cause.

Respectfully,

G. B. McLEAN,
S. McDONALD,
E. HOWARD,
Committee.

FREEDMAN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Ere the cannon had ceased to roar or the smoke had cleared from the battle-field, there came down in the Southland the Northern Missionary with the Methodist hymn book and the blessed Bible. At first they came with fear and trembling, not knowing whether or not the creatures to whom they had come could perform the task before them. Thank God that day has passed away, and when we think of the work of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society today, it thrills our hearts with joy and praise.

The work of this Society as a part of the M. E. Church has done more good than any similar organization. No power or force has done more to lift the cloud and weight of ignorance from the Negro and the poorer whites of the South than the F. A. & S. E. Society of the M. E. Church. The Church never spent money more profitably nor made investment from which larger dividends and greater interest were received.

It is to be deprecated that in a few instances in some of the Conferences the F. A. & S. E. Society has not received the attention and hearty encouragement of the pastors that it should, while comparatively undue stress has been laid upon Missions and Church Extension.

We do not see that it is more honor to the Church to save one soul three thousand miles away, at the expense of ten thousand dollars, than it is to use that same amount of money to save *ten thousand* souls of those who are at her doors. This does *not* mean that *less* should be done for the great work of *Missions*, but that *more* should be done to save the thousands in the reach of the F. A. & S. E. Society.

Our schools carried on by this Society have set in motion a wave of Christian Education and morality that will effect both the present

generation and the thousands yet unborn, and still continue until it lash the shores of eternity and break in silvery spray.

God has bedecked the Southern firmament with these stars of Christian Education that make effulgent that part of the country once cursed by slavery, and thereby cursed by ignorance. No system of Education has done more to revolutionize public sentiment in the South than the Freedman's Aid and Education Society. The work of this Society is changing our bitterest enemies into friends; it is changing the Southern idea of a Negro from that of a brute to that of a genuine man. This, itself, is enough to pay the great Church for her large expenditure.

The F. A. & S. E. Society emphasizes pre-eminently *Christian* Education, as that education which has not Christ as its center and foundation is of little value.

The schools of the F. A. & S. E. Society are preparing men and women for leadership—those who will plead for the Christian Church and for righteous citizenship in this great country of ours.

Among these schools Bennett College demands our best efforts, prayers and most hearty support.

The erection and completion of the new brick five-story dormitory for our young men, by means of putting our own mites together, has placed a never-fading star in our crown and evoked a round of applause from our friends in the North and those in the South, while our own hearts are gladdened and made to rejoice in the consciousness of self-help. To put heat in this beautiful building is the next great work of the North Carolina Conference.

Our Gammon Thelogical Seminary stands as a child of direct providence. The work of our beloved Gammon Theological Seminary, under the F. A. & S. E. Society, is being felt from the Lakes to the coral strand, from the turbulent Atlantic to the placid Pacific, and even where "Africa's sunny fountains roll down their golden sands" the impress of Gammon Theological Seminary may now be found in the power of preaching the gospel of Christ.

We here reiterate our former utterances:

WHEREAS, The duly qualified candidates for admission in our Conference can enjoy in Gammon the best Bible and theological training for three years without paying any fee whatever; and,

WHEREAS, That excellent board may be had for $7.50 per month, with free rooms, and that in case of very poor but promising students, even this small sum is, in part, provided for by loans from various sources; and,

WHEREAS, The large annual outlay of the Seminary and of the F. A. & S. E. Society, which co-operate with it, may just as well be

applied for the benefit of the young men of the North Carolina Conference as for the benefit of others.

THEREFORE, We do recommend to young men seeking admission into our Conference, to first pursue a course in Bennett College and then pursue a course at Gammon Theological Seminary.

We heartily endorse the Stewart Foundation for Africa, and hereby acknowledge our gratefulness in the establishment of the same.

J. D. CHAVIS,
G. MOREHEAD,
J. D MURPHY.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The committee on Sabbath Observance, beg leave to report as follows:

WHEREAS, In the wisdom of Almighty God the command has been given to "Observe the Sabbath Day and keep it Holy" and that this day has been concecrated unto the service and worship of him who made it; and

WHEREAS, There is a growing tendency toward Sabbath breaking, such amusements as draw the minds and hearts of our young people from the hope of the Gospel in Christ, and that there is a growing tendency toward Sunday excursions by rail and vehicle, extravagant dinners, unnecessary Sabbath calls and the reading of the newspaper which is demoralizing in its effects upon the minds and morals of our people,

Be it resolved, That we, the preachers of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church hereby pledge ourselves to fight every form of Sabbath breaking.

Be it resolved further, That each preacher preach one sermon on Sabbath breaking during the next Conference year.

Respectfully your committee,

J. A. RUSH,
S. P. WEST,
W. A. PRYOR.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRACT SOCIETY.

The Sunday School work of the Church has proven to be a great factor for the training of children for usefulness in the Lord's vineyard.

The Sunday School work has a steady growth, embracing now 31,121 schools, 360,633 officers and teachers, 2,620,010 scholars. The number of conversions last year was reported to be 126,818.

We suggest the careful selection of teachers that we may secure persons whose lives are godly; that we urge a careful study of the lessons at home by the pupils; that special attention be given to memory verses.

We urge that the literature used in our Sunday Schools be purchased from our Methodist Book Concern.

The Sunday School Union has aided more than 3,000 schools of our Church and has no other resources except the contributions from the charges. Our apportionment for the coming year is $476, and we recommend that each Church send to the next Conference their share.

TRACT SOCIETY.

We cannot put too much stress upon the good that has been done by the distribution of tracts. Many souls have been led to a higher life by their influence.

The Tract Society has literature of various kinds which is at the service of the pastors, and for a small sum they can be supplied. Often pastors receive special grants when their circumstances require it.

This Society gives from $6,000 to $7,000 each year, or nearly one-third of its collections in the aid of missions

Of the $50,000 asked for this year, the North Carolina Conference is asked to raise $40. Believing that the Society needs all the money asked for to carry on its work, we recommend that each pastor see that the churches do their duty in raising their share of this amount.

J. M. ROAN,
W. M. WELLS,
W. G. ALSTON,
Committee.

TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION.

The demon King, alcohol is doing more to pull down our race, morally, financially and religiously, than any other evil.

Ninety per cent of all the crimes that are committed in the South, are due to strong drink.

WHEREAS, The last General Conference urges the observance of the third Sunday in October as Temperance Sunday, and also, that every preacher of the Methodist Episcopal should preach a Temperance Sermon on that day.

AND WHEREAS, We, the ministers of the North Carolina Conference have just entered our new fields of labor, it will be our bounden duty to observe the third Sunday in October.

We recommend the first Sunday in November as Temperance Sunday for the North Carolina Conference. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the ministers of the North Carolina Conference do all in our power to promote the cause of temperence. Be it

Further resolved, That we urge all with whom we may come in contact, to abstain from intoxicating liquors and abandon the use of tobacco

T. L. JOHNSTON,
A. W. McMASTER,
L. G. McDONALD.

EDUCATION.

Education implies the training or drawing out of the mind, rather than the mere acquisition of knowledge.

In education the discipline of the intellect is the essential element; hence education is not confined to school and college years. It is begun under wise teachers, but should be continued ever as a result of unremitting personal effort.

True education is the bringing of a man into right relationship with his fellow-man and his God. It is the realization of one's manhood and the development of a man in his entirety.

We have reasons to congratulate ourselves on our relation to the Methodist Episcopal Church, for she is not only religious in earnest, but she is the patron of schools and learning.

Her Schools, Seminaries, Colleges and Universities are open not only to the brother in white, but the brother in black as well.

We view with pride and admiration the prosperity of our splendid schools of learning, established for the culture and refinement of our people, and return our sincere thanks to Almighty God for the gracious providence which brought them into existence, and for the spirt of those great men by whose aid their support and continuation are made possible.

WHEREAS, Those noble institutions were given to us at a time when we were not able to help ourselves, and believing that the schools both North and South are well supplied with teachers, and that the corriculums are such as to produce the finest type of scholarship, and the training and development such as to produce the highest type of manhood and womanhood; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we urge our young people, and especially our young men who are looking towards the ministry, to avail themselves of the splendid opportunities furnished by the educational institutions of our Church.

Resolved, That we as a Conference nerve ourselves to call upon our congregations to stand with us in a benevolent support of our institutions of learning.

Resolved, That we tender greetings to the Presidents and Faculties of all our Schools, and especially to our own beloved Bennett College, the "Power House" of the North Carolina Conference, and to Kent and Allen Homes, veritable "batteries," generating light to lighten the homes of the preachers and laymen within her borders, and with the pledge of prayerful remembrance and financial help, and that we will not only stand by them, but also be with them in their work.

J. P. MORRIS,
J. W. DAVIS,
H. L. ASHE.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your Committee on the State of the Church begs leave to submit the following considerations:

1. The Methodist Episcopal church is founded in the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures and is therefore adapted to the needs of sinful man. Its aim is the ultimate salvation of the human race. Its policy in carrying out its mission is broad and simple. She stands boldly and uncompromisingly opposed to the business of drunkard-making, either with or without license.

2. The church is realizing more and more the importance of getting all of its members converted—turned from darkness to light, from the power of Satan unto God.

3. Methodism is a fixed factor in the heart and life of the people of this State. It is making friends everywhere and its doctrines are clearly and faithfully set forth

4. Our periodicals and church literature are finding a wider circulation and a more tangible support in our state than ever before. Our young people have their faces turned toward our Christian schools and the number coming from these schools are qualified for successful leadership in the race is constantly increasing.

5. The financial condition of the church is gradually growing better. The people are building for themselves better church houses, they are giving larger support to the ministry and a more conscientious support to the various benevolent enterprises.

6. But, notwithstanding these heart-cheering stipulations, there are important cities and districts in our territory yet unoccupied. Our Holy religion is needed in them. The duty is incumbent upon us to enter these fields and by the grace of God develop them into grand and noble parishes.

"Let us then be up and doing
With a heart for any fate,
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait."

J. D. DIGGS.

PERIODICALS AND CHURCH LITERATURE.

The mind is as much in need of "food" for its healthiest development as the body. A strong, vigorous, active, Christ-like soul is verily dependent upon sound thought, good literature and wholesome reading of all kinds. The Methodist Church has always held to this idea, that to build a stalwart, whole-souled Christian you must fill his mind with pure thought.

John Wesley did not fail to call the attention of his co-laborers to the necessity of scattering tracts and good books. We note with regret that our preachers are not the book agents that they were once.

Wesley said: "Feed our people with helpful readings." To another he said: "You are remarkably diligent in spreading the books. Let no man rob you of this glory."

'Twas Wardsworth who said:

"Books we know,
Are a substantial world, both pure and good;
Round these, with tendrils strong as flesh and blood,
Our past-time and happiness grow."

We rejoice in the success that has come to our Book Concerns. It cannot, however, be measured in dollars and cents, for immeasurable has been its good in scattering leaves for the healing of the Nations and Manna for "soul-starved" souls in every land.

Our Sunday School publications are the best; well edited, strong, scholarly and orthordox in the explanation of the word. We, therefore, recommend the exclusive use of our publications and tracts.

Further, we recommend the introduction into the homes of people all books published by our Book Concerns.

WHEREAS, The Management of the Book Concerns by close attention to business, carefully guarding the sacred fund invested by the Church to their care during even these hard times, has been able to send us a draft for $450, to be distributed to our worn-out preachers, our widows and orphans. Be it

Resolved, That we pledge our heartiest support in purchasing and selling our own periodicals and literature.

R. E. JONES,
G. W. BYERS.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

We observe daily that immorality, illiteracy, intemperance, and in fact sin of every kind are predominant factors of and degrading habits to our youth.

To bring about a changed aspect in the moral, social and religious surroundings upon which we at present disdain to look, we see and feel the need of a Christian institution that will check the flow of these evils, thereby lifting our youth to that high ideal of Christian piety and moral respectability.

WHEREAS, We believe that in the Epworth League we have happily discovered the long and much needed institution, be it

Resolved 1st. That each League of the State strive to make this Conference year the paramount record of all previous years, and that each officer of State, District and Local Chapters be themselves a committee whose business it shall be to plan and execute plans for the development of this our beloved institution.

Resolved 2nd. That each pastor pledge his hearty support and co-operation to the work, seeing to it that Leagues be organized wherever suitable and sufficient material can be gathered, not forgetting to encourage and show the needs of our League literature.

Resolved 3rd. That each Presiding Elder also pledge his support and co-operation to this younger of our twin sisters, that the great onward movement might be marshalled into the midst of the now raging battle, looking up, lifting up until she, with her elder sister and mother, shall be able to join in the happy chorus with the voice of the victors, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof."

Respectsully submitted,

R. P. HAIRSTON,
J. W. MURPH,
S. McDANIEL,
S. F. B. PEACE,
M. M. JONES.

THE ALLEN INDUSTRIAL HOME.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the College Street M. E. Church submit to you the following report for the past year:

Number of members paying dues	28	
Number of Mite Box members	6	
Amount of membership dues received		$8.00
Amount of Mite Box offering		5.00
		$13.00

The membership dues were sent up to the General Treasurer, Mrs. D. L. Williams, and the Mite Box offering was applied to the aid of Hill Street M. E. Mission.

Though our Auxiliary is but two years old, yet we have not only added our mite to the general fund of the society, but through the efforts of the Mite Box members have helped in the purchase of the church lot, and have also contributed to repairs at Hill Street Mission.

We are not weary in small doing, but are confidently expecting greater advancement in the coming year.

God has blessed the efforts of the General Society in building and equipping for us Allen Industrial Home, which stands before us a beautiful evidence of the loving efforts of our sisters. With this to inspire us we will press forward "for love of Christ and in His name."

MRS. A. E. MOREHEAD, Pres.,
MISS ALSIE B. DOLE, Treas.,
MRS. P. C. PHILIPS, Sec.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Rev. J. D. Diggs, Assistant Secretary of North Carolina Conference.

The American Bible Society was founded in 1816 for the purpose of circulating the Holy Scriptures to mankind. During the 81 years of its history it has distributed in all parts of the world millions of copies of the Bible. The yearly reports of the Society show its activity and usefulness. We recognize our great obligation to the Society for its invaluable help not only in our country, but more especially in our foreign field. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we do all in our power to aid the Society in carrying the "Blessed Light" all over this and other lands,

"Till like a see of glory
It spreads from pole to pole."

Resolved 2nd, That we present the cause to our people and take the collection for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

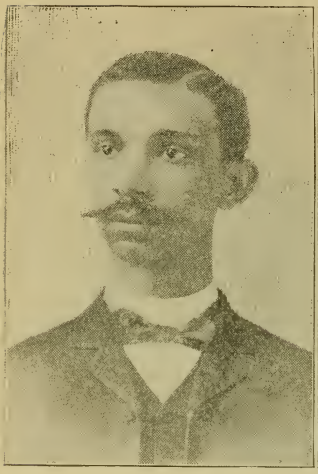
G. W. BROWER,
B. F. THOMAS,
D. McRAE.

THE NORTH CAROLINA EPWORTH LEAGUE.

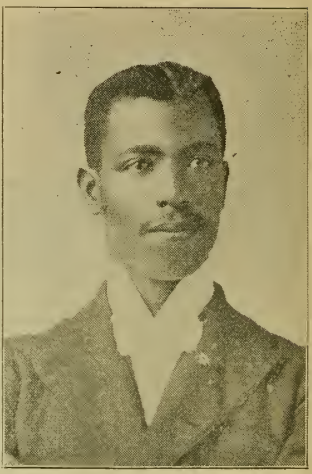
MOTTO—"*Look up, lift up.*"

PLEDGE—"I will earnestly seek for myself, and do what I can to help others attain, the highest New Testament standard of experience and life. I will abstain from all those forms of worldly amusement forbidden by the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and I will attend, so far as possible, the religious meetings of the Chapter and the Church, and take some active part in them."

Rev. I. G. Penn, A. M., Assistant Secretary of Epworth League.



Rev. J. P. Morris, A. M., B. D., Vice-President of Bennett College and President of the State League.



Rev. R. W. S. Thomas, B. S., A. M., Professor Bennett College, Secretary of N. C. Conference and Third Vice-President State Epworth League.

THE STATE LEAGUE.

The moon was in her splendor the evening when the North Carolina Conference met in Galilee M. E Church to listen to the addresses of Revs. J. P. Morris and I. G. Penn. The addresses were grand and full of inspiration. Hundreds of anxious hearers came, but many had to return home because there was not room. Others stood around the edifice, while the windows were the only accommodation to a large number.

Before the large body many important subjects were considered, especially the "Relation of the League to the Church." After the addresses the house was anxious to organize, whereupon Dr. J. D. Chavis, President of Bennett College, acting as Secretary, and Rev. I. G. Penn, A. M., Assistant Secretary of the Epworth League, as

President, they proceeded to organize a State League, and the following officers were elected:

President—Rev. J. P. Morris, A. M., B. D., Greensboro, N. C.

First Vice-President—Rev. J. A. Rush, Winston, N. C.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. Lucy Smith, Hickory, N. C.

Third Vice-President—Rev. R. W. S. Thomas, B. Sc., A. M., Greensboro, N. C.

Fourth Vice-President—Mrs. Young, Asheville, N. C.

Secretary—Miss Zula Pope, Winston, N. C.

Treasurer—Professor Wade Thomas, Hamlet, N. C.

President Junior League Mr. W. B. Windsor, Reidsville, N. C.

Superintendent of Epworth Guards—Mrs. C. Bearden, Charlotte, N. C.

W. B. Windsor, President of State Junior League.

Miss Zula Pope, Secretary of State League.

Moneys to be Raised.

	Missions.	Church Extension.	F. A. and S. E. S.	Children's Fund.	Education.	S. S. Union.	Tracts.	W. H. M. Society.	Bible Cause.	Episcopal Fund.	Conf. Claim. Fund.
RALEIGH DISTRICT.											
Danville	2	1	1	.	1	1	1	..	1	..	1
Durham	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Goldsboro	12	3	3	..	5	1	1	..	1	..	3
Oberlin	13	3	3	..	6	1	1	..	1	..	3
Oxford	12	4	3	..	6	1	1	..	1	..	4
Norfolk and Princess Anne	4	1	1	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	3
Raleigh	6	2	2	..	3	1	1	..	1	..	2
Townesville	12	4	2	..	6	..	1	..	1	..	4
GREENSBORO DISTRICT.											
Benaja	10	5	10	5	5	1	1	..	1	3	4
Center and Julian	10	5	10	4	5	1	1	..	1	3	3
Caswell	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	..	1	1	1
East Greensboro	10	3	10	5	5	1	1	..	1	3	2
Greensboro	70	15	100	15	10	2	2	..	2	2	8
Leaksville	15	3	10	5	5	1	1	..	1	8	3
Madison Circuit	4	2	4	3	3	1	1	..	1	2	2
Madison	15	5	10	6	5	1	1	.	1	3	3
Ramseur	10	5	12	6	5	1	1	..	1	3	3
Reidsville	25	8	20	8	5	1	1	..	1	3	3
Rocky Mount	5	2	8	2	2	1	1	..	1	2	3
South Greensboro	5	3	10	5	5	1	1	..	1	3	3
West Greensboro	5	2	5	3	3	1	1	..	1	2	2
Summerfield	10	3	10	3	3	1	1	..	1	2	2
WESTERN DISTRICT.											
Asheville	15	5	12	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Boone and Jefferson	15	4	10	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Forest City	30	10	40	10	5	2	2	2	1	3	5
Franklin	10	2	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Gastonia and Bessimore	15	3	15	10	5	1	1	1	1	2	2
Hickory	12	5	12	8	5	1	1	1	1	1	2
Lenoir	20	8	14	7	5	2	2	1	1	2	3
Lincolnton	10	2	6	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
McPelah	70	15	59	15	15	2	2	2	2	4	5
Marion	20	5	12	5	4	1	1	1	1	2	2
Shelby and Fallston	18	10	40	10	2	2	1	1	1	2	3
Sherrill's Ford and Newton	10	5	10	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	2
West Asheville	15	5	12	7	4	1	1	1	1	1	2
Wilkesboro	15	5	15	5	4	1	1	1	1	2	2
Patterson	15	5	12	5	1	1	1	1	2	1	2

MONEYS TO BE RAISED.—CONTINUED.

	Missions.	Church Extension.	F. A. and S. S.	Children's Fund.	Education.	S. S. Union.	Tracts.	W. H. M. Society.	Bible Cause.	Episcopal Fund.	Conf. Claim. Fund.
WINSTON DISTRICT.											
Advance	7	5	30	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
Asheboro	1	2	20	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Dobson	1	1	3	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
High Point	5	5	20	..	2	1	2	2	2	2	2
Jonesville	5	2	10	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Kernersville	5	2	10	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lexington and Thomasville	5	5	15	..	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
Mayhew	5	5	5	..	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mitchell	5	5	5	..	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mt. Airy	5	5	40	..	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Statesville and Philadelphia	2	2	2	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Trinity	2	2	20	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Walnut Cove	2	2	2	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Winston	40	30	130	..	10	3	5	20	3	3	10
Yadkin	2	2	2	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
WILMINGTON DISTRICT.											
Charlotte—First Church	20	8	20	..	..	1	1	2	1	2	5
Charlotte Mission	3	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Columbus	10	3	6	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1
Concord	10	2	5	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1
Hamlet	20	10	20	..	..	1	1	1	1	3	3
Fayetteville	7	2	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Laurinburg	40	12	35	..	..	1	1	2	2	5	5
Lumberton	40	8	35	..	..	1	1	2	2	5	5
Maxton	40	12	35	..	..	1	1	2	2	5	5
Melrose	32	10	25	..	..	1	1	2	1	4	4
Rowland	26	8	20	..	..	1	1	2	1	4	2
Swan	15	2	10	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	2
Wilmington	14	6	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	2

Roll of Honor.

NAMES OF THOSE WHO GAVE FIFTY CENTS AND MORE FOR BENEVOLENCE OR MISSIONS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Galilee M. E. Church—W. P. Hayes pastor. L. B. Hayes, W. P. Hayes Jr., Ida Hayes, John Brown, Easter McRae, G. W. Fairly, John Stewart, Mitchel McRay, Mary Smith, Julia Smith, Laura Smith, E. L. Fletcher, J. R. Gibson, Maggie Tomlinson, James John, Anna Lytch, H. D. Dudley, J. R. Quick, Harry Morgan, Robt. Lytch and Julia McDonald.

Cool Springs, M. E. Church—G. W. Ratliff, Jas. A. McNair, M. J. McLeod and L. E. McLeod.

Beaver Dam, M. E. Church—C. S. Gibson, Granville Gray. Edgar Gibson and W. P. Hayes, pastor.

Wilmington Charge—J. W. Murph, Pastor in Charge, M. D. Gipson, George Johnson, Annie Johnson, Annie Johnson, C. A. Haynes, Florida Sampson and Henrietta A. Niggins.

Maxton Charge—G. W. Byers, Pastor in Charge, Chas. Byers, Amanda Byers, Odessa Byers, Ann Patterson, Benjamin Leach, Sr., Jno Leach; Maggie McLean, W. C. Cook, Lewis Stevens, Drusilla Johnson, Beatrice Byers, Ester Byers and Eliza Adams.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

Tucker's Grove, M. E. Church—Thomas Derr, Mrs. J. D. Diggs, Mrs. J. M. Burton, Wm. Shipp, Mrs. M. J. Woodford and Miss Addie Shewell.

Rock Hill, M. E. Church—T. A. Shipp, Caroline Carpenter, Alex McLean, Nettie Johnson, Jennie Johnson, Cresie Morison and A. L. Banum.

Ebenezer, M. E. Church—N. A. Sewell, J. H. Bost, Pinkney Johnson, J. W. Johnson, R. A. Cherry, C. M. Connor, J. H. Shuford, A. R. Graham, C. A. Nixon, Mrs. C. M. Connor, Miss S. J. Johnson, Louisa Reid. Mrs. B. McKorkle, Rev. A. N. Hewitt and A. P. McKorkle.

St. James, M. E. Church—Mrs. E. H. Brevard, Mrs. Armanda McKorkle, L. J. Pope and Henry Brevard.

Oberlin M. E. Church—L. B. Hinton, L. Hunter, Flora Woodley, Cora Ivey, Milley Lucas, Mrs. E. L. Graves, Willis Haywood, C. T Hunter, W. M. Graves and L. G. McDonald, Pastor.

Resolutions.

WHEREAS, We have been so greatly favored and blessed with the presence and presidency of our very much esteemed and beloved Bishop, E. G. Andrews, who has so ably and nobly presided over the deliberations of the Conference.

Resolved, That the Conference tender to him a vote of thanks for his fatherly counsel and advice, as well as the care he has taken in all the work of the Conference.

J. P. FRANKLIN,
J. D. CHAVIS,
G. W. BYERS.

WHEREAS, The good people of Laurinburg, N C., have so cordially received us into their homes and withal so highly entertained us

Be It Resolved 1st, That we have been kindly entertained.

And 2nd, That the Conference, express our heartfelt thanks to this people by a rising vote.

J. D. DIGGS.

WHEREAS, The Atlantic Coast Line, Southern Railway, Atlantic and Danville, C. F. & Y. V., and Seaboard Air Line Railroads, gave reduced rates to the members and visitors of the N. C. Conference, Laurinburg, N. C.,

Be It Resolved, That the North Carolina Conference give a vote of thanks to the officers of the several roalroads

J. A. RUSH.

WHEREAS, Our Secretaries have so faithfully served the Conference,

Resolved, That we tender them our thanks for their faithful work.

A. H. NEWSOME.

Resolved, That each Presiding Elder subscribe the number of Minutes for his District. That he and the Secretary settle all matters of finance pertaining to the same.

J. D. CHAVIS.

Resolved, That the parties now responsible for certain old bills made in publishing the minutes, namely, J. P. Morris, $13.00, M. J. Bullock, $4.50; I. Wells, $17.00. R. W. S. Thomas, furnish the proper Presiding Elder with the names of the brethren who still owe on such claims and that the Presiding Elder is here empowered to collect money for the same, or arrest the character of any who may not have paid by the next session of the Conference.

J. D. CHAVIS.

We hail with much pleasure the enlargement of the *Southwestern Christian Advocate*. We recognize that this paper is an important factor in our work in the spreading of the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church and giving to our people the higher ideals of life.

WHEREAS, Dr. I. B. Scott, by his strong editorials and untiring effort, has made this paper one among the best, we desire to commend his work as meeting our hearty appreciation and approval.

Resolved 1*st*, That we pledge our undivided support to the *Southwestern Christian Advocate*, and do hereby make it the official organ of our Conference.

Resolved 2nd, That we recommend to the District Conference that no local preacher's license shall be renewed unless he subscribes for the *Southwestern*.

Since the *Southwestern Christian Advocate* must carry to the next General Conference 10,000 cash subscribers, and since there are eighteen colored Conferences belonging to our Methodism, thus making our share of the subscriptions about 555,

Be it Resolved, That each minister here and now pledge to take the *Southwestern* himself and to secure cash subscriptions during the next twelve months for the *Southwestern Christian Advocate* as was voted upon and published in the North Carolina Conference Journal of 1896, page 62.

Bespectfully submitted,

J. P. MORRIS,
R. E. JONES.

STATISTICS No I.—GREENSBORO DISTRICT, NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE, FOR 1897.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.						
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.
Benaja and Thompsonville	2	215	4	4	8	13	4	26	240	4	$2000	....	$. ..	$ 75	$ 25	$.....
Caswell	2	28	.....	2	.....	.....	1	5	41	1	...	....	.....	...	...	.....
Center and Julian	16	118	....	4	2	7	4	15	200	3	1300	.....	.....	90	.....	.....
East Greensboro	15	146	2	3	.....	13	2	14	96	2	1600	.....	.....	19	33	6
Greensboro	25	400	2	6	3	5	1	21	250	1	4000	1	1500	25	.....	.....
Leaksville	16	107	1	2	3	8	3	18	85	1	300	.....	.....	12	.....	.....
Madison	16	160	2	1	5	13	2	15	120	2	1700	1	400	60	16	12
Madison Circuit	14	105	4	4	14	14	3	15	120	3	2000	.....	.....	16	...	.....
Ramseur	30	175	3	4	4	31	5	35	190	5	1900	1	30	660	61	272
Reidsville	4	102	.....	1	5	10	1	12	175	1	1500	1	300	10	24	23
Rocky Mount and Boon's Mill	15	184	.....	8	.....	22	5	28	144	4	1050	.....	.....	17	.....	.....
South Greensboro	19	200	1	1	4	13	3	38	158	3	1975	...	.....	95	6	25
Summerfield	40	200	2	3	4	12	3	1	110	3	1500	.....	.....	49	.....	30
West Greensboro	20	104	1	1	1	3	3	12	100	2	500	.....	.....	...	.....	.....
Total	234	2244	22	44	53	164	40	275	2029	35	22325	4	2230	1128	155	368

STATISTICS No. I.—WINSTON DISTRICT, NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE, FOR 1897

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.						
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members.	No. Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.
Advance	13	185	2	4	6	24	5	22	285	4	$ 1400	.....	$. ..	$ 275	$ 27	$190
Asheboro	9	96	2	... ..	14	2	2	12	48	2	1500	.....	....	.... ..	45	.....
Dobson	33	27	.....	2	.....	9	2	7	40	1	150	.....	...	500	.....	.....
High Point	3	135	..	2	....	4	1	11	200	1	3200	1	300	425	226	700
Jamestown	12	129	1	1	7	14	4	16	131	2	1200	1	50	30	...	170
Kernersville	9	155	2	2	1	8	3	23	25	3	1500	.....	..	40	.....	122
Lexington	3	164	1	1	1	19	2	17	145	2	2000	.....	.....	100	9	18
Mayhew	11	120	1	8	.....	3	5	25	150	3	1500	1	50	95	.. ....	.....
Mitchell	25	108	1	3	9	5	4	16	130	1	400	.....	.....	....	12	...
Mt. Airy	14	172	2	3	8	10	1	14	100	1	1200	....	....	10	85	23
Salisbury	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Statesville and Philadelphia	16	88	.....	2	8	....	2	10	150	2	1410	1	100	10	6	8
Trinity	20	145	2	1	5	12	4	20	135	3	900	....	....	98	4	20
Walnut Cove	32	130	1	1	.....	10	4	20	150	4	1000	.....	.....	6	.....	.....
Winston	116	666	4	10	2	60	1	17	410	1	6000	1	600	1321	.....	300
Yadkin	35	160	2	1	15	5	4	12	175	4	1500	.....	.....	25	25	.....
Total	351	2480	21	41	76	182	44	242	2374	34	23610	5	1000	2935	437	1551

STATISTICS No. I.—WESTERN DISTRICT, NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE, FOR 1897.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.							
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.
Asheville	4	64	1	.....	6	2	3	21	220	1	$ 650	.....	$.....	$.....	$ 30	$.....
Boone and Jefferson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Forest City	19	212	4	2	.....	8	3	23	160	2	1000	1	100	30	2	.....
Franklin	.....	32	.....	.....	.....	6	2	10	40	3	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Gastonia and Stanley Creek	22	161	2	1	2	14	3	18	98	2	1829	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hickory	16	87	2	2	3	.....	1	5	50	1	700	1	300	23	50	10
Lenoir	25	170	3	1	19	1	3	22	150	2	2200	1	400	400	.....	22
Lincolnton	20	45	.....	.....	1	.....	4	20	70	2	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Macpelah	70	260	2	13	22	2	4	35	315	4	2400	1	300	145	.....	.....
Marion	28	150	1	1	.....	1	5	18	150	2	1500	.....	.....	75	2	.....
Patterson	43	57	1	2	.....	.....	5	15	130	3	600	1	60	161	.....	32
Shelby and Fallston	27	165	1	3	3	15	3	18	115	2	800	1	150	85	57	33
Sherrill's Ford and Newton	65	150	3	4	25	30	5	25	165	4	2500	1	100	75	54	25
Waynesville and West Asheville	2	58	.....	.....	.....	5	1	8	50	2	1000	1	50	.....	.....	200
Wilkesboro	20	60	2	1	7	4	1	5	57	1	885	.....	.....	85	16	10
Total	361	1671	22	30	88	78	43	243	1750	31	16764	8	1460	1079	211	328

STATISTICS No. I.—WILMINGTON DISTRICT, NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE, FOR 1897.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.						
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No of Scholars.	No of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.
Charlotte	3	150	1	4	5	.....	1	9	125	1	$ 1400	1	$550	$..... ..	$ 150	$200
Columbus	5	48	1	2	.....	.....	2	7	38	2	300	.....	.....	.....	... ...	.....
Concord and Monroe	22	60	.....	3	.....	2	2	12	66	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fayetteville and Prospect Hall	.....	40	.....	1	.....	5	2	10	80	1	1000	.....	.....	20	.....	.....
Hamlet and Southern Pines	8	130	3	2	.....	.....	2	12	75	2	1600	.....	.....	40	.....	.....
Laurinburg	26	439	2	10	.....	.....	3	35	260	1	2600	1	500	35	30	60
Lumberton	58	325	6	4	9	18	3	36	325	3	3000	1	300	140	.....	.....
Maxton	26	370	3	20	10	8	3	24	361	3	2500	1	200	20	8	27
Melrose	20	350	4	5	.....	3	3	20	200	2	1200	1	300	300	5	1
Rowland and Salem	112	242	1	1	16	10	2	13	125	2	2000	.....	....	168	10	28
Swan Station and Vass	17	112	1	2	.....	8	3	13	85	4	800	.....	.....	16	250	12
Wilmington	8	66	1	1	3	.....	2	9	60	1	50	.....	.....	175	40	27
Total	305	2312	23	55	43	54	28	200	1800	25	16450	5	1850	904	493	355

STATISTICS No. I.—RALEIGH DISTRICT, NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE, FOR 1897.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.						
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old Indebted. Less on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.
											$		$	$	$	$
Danville																
Durham																
Goldsboro	1	41	1	1		5	1	8	40	1	1100	1	175	47		
Oxford	16	82	1	1		5	1	9	59	1	1500			325	4	
New Berne		7		1	2		1	2	13	2				75	8	11
Norfolk and Princess Anne																
Oberlin	17	65	1		6		1	8	65	1	1300	1	60	32	32	30
Raleigh	1	25	1				1	5	25	1	2000	1	50	350	100	
Townesville and Henderson	32	152		4	15	7	2	10	146	2	600	1	250	36		
Total	67	342	4	7	23	17	7	42	348	8	6500	4	535	559	144	41

STATISTICS No. III—GREENSBORO DISTRICT, NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE, 1897.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	Claims. House Rent.	Claims. Total.	Receipts Salary.	Receipts House Rent.	Receipts Total.	Deficiencies.	Support of P. Elders. Amount Apportioned.	Support of P. Elders. Amount Paid.	Support of Bishops. Amount Apportioned	Support of Bishops. Amount Paid.	Total Support; Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishops	Conference Claimants. Rec'd from Collections,	Conference Claimants. Rec'd from Other Sources.	Conference Claimants. Total.	Current Expenses. Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, &c.	Current Expenses. Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, &c.
Benaja & Thompsonv'le	C. W. Blaylock	$ 360	$ 9	$ 369	$ 115	$ 9	$ 115	$ 254	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 29	$ 25
Caswell	Sup. Henry Garrett.	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Center and Julian	B. F. Thomas	235	25	260	178	25	203	57	45	35	3	3	241	2	.....	2	45	20
East Greensboro	S. L. Johnson	300	100	300	220	.....	220	80	.....	45	1	1	266	2	.....	2	15	10
Greensboro	M. M. Jones	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	100	100	.....	1	801	3	.....	3	150	40
Leaksville	J. E. Champlain	200	25	225	154	.....	154	71	42	32	.....	.....	186	1	.....	1	5	2
Madison	Marcus Mundy	365	30	395	322	30	352	43	50	46	2	2	400	3	.....	3	12	16
Madison Circuit	Charles Harshaw	256	13	269	84	13	97	172	40	22	1	1	120	1	.....	1	3	.....
Ramseur	Elisha Howard	212	12	224	111	12	123	101	40	36	1	2	161	2	.....	2	.....	.....
Reidsville	A. H. Newsome	400	36	436	329	36	365	71	40	34	1	1	400	3	.....	3	24	.....
Rocky Mt & Boon's Mills	J. C. Robbins	300	.....	300	130	.....	130	170	73	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
South Greensboro	Gabriel B. McLean	215	.....	215	.....	.....	.....	215	.....	45	.....	1	261	1	.....	1	16	4
Summerfield	M. Chavis	240	.....	240	114	.....	114	126	40	30	1	1	146	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Greensboro	Franklin Allen	200	.....	200	176	.....	176	24	32	24	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	13	5	2
Total		3898	250	4133	2533	216	2964	1169	502	492	13	13	2982	31	.....	31	304	123

STATISTICS No. III—WINSTON DISTRICT, NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE, 1897.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	House Rent	Total.	Receipts. Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Deficiencies.	Support of P. Elders. Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid	Support of Bishops. Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishops	Conference Claimants. Rec'd from Collections.	Other Sources.	Total.	Current Expenses. Church: Sexton, Lights, Fuel, &c.	Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, &c.
Advance	S. P. West	$ 300	$ 48	$ 348	$ 230	$ 48	$ 278	$ 70	$ 50	$ 41	$ 1	$ 1	$ 320	$ 2	$	$ 2	$ 45	$ 65
Ashboro	S. McDonald	375	.....	375	375	.....	.....	.....	37	37	1	1	313	2	.....	2	30	3
Dobson	S. L. May	70	.....	70	39	.....	39	31	12	8	.....	.....	45	.....	.....	.....	4	10
High Point	H. L. Ashe	300	30	330	280	30	311	20	52	52	2	.....	363	1	.....	1	25	12
Jonesville	J. W. Jones	200	.....	200	180	.....	180	20	40	31	1	1	212	.....	.....	.....	5	50
Kernersville	E. H. McArthur	250	.....	250	148	.....	148	102	40	24	1	.....	172	1	1	2	14	75
Lexington	S. M. Hanes	400	.....	400	288	.....	288	115	60	36	2	1	324	1	.....	1	42	103
Mayhew	J. D. Hairston	240	25	265	95	25	120	140	40	40	2	.....	160	1	.....	1	3	.....
Mitchell	Sup. John Mills	126	.....	126	126	.....	126	.....	40	29	.....	.....	155	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Airy	M. J. Bullock	300	12	312	278	6	284	28	60	56	2	1	341	.....	.....	.....	30	26
Salisbury	Sup.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Statesville and Phil	F. L. Bost	200	24	224	100	24	124	100	31	31	1	1	155	1	.....	1	1	3
Trinity	J. H. Hunter	250	48	298	144	48	192	106	58	30	1	.....	222	2	.....	2	5	30
Walnut Cove	W. G. Alston	285	.....	285	306	.....	306	.....	50	46	1	1	355	.....	.....	.....	15	85
Winston	J. A. Rush	650	75	725	660	75	735	.....	240	165	3	2	900	5	.....	5	246	130
Yadkin	S. A. Gibson	210	12	222	175	12	187	35	40	28	1	.....	215	1	1	2	3	.....
Total		4156	274	4430	3424	258	3782	767	850	662	19	9	4150	17	2	17	468	592

STATISTICS No. III—WESTERN DISTRICT, NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE, 1897.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	Claims. House Rent.	Claims. Total.	Receipts Salary.	Receipts House Rent.	Receipts Total.	Deficiencies.	Support of P. Elders. Amount Apportioned.	Support of P. Elders. Amount Paid.	Support of Bishops. Amount Apportioned.	Support of Bishops. Amount Paid.	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishops	Conference Claimants. Rec'd from Collections.	Conference Claimants. Rec'd from Other Sources.	Conference Claimants. Total.	Current Expenses. Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, &c.	Current Expenses. Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, &c.
Asheville	G. W. Morehead	$ 300	$ 68	$ 368	$ 165	$ 53	$ 218	$ 150	$ 35	$ 20	$ 1	$	$ 259	$	$	$	$ 25	$ 6
Boone and Jefferson	Sup. C. R Davidson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Forest City	W. A. Pryon	290	.....	290	160	.....	160	120	60	45	.....	.....	214	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Franklin	Sandy Cornelius	110	.....	110	30	.....	30	80	25	10	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Gastonia and Stanly C'k	G. W Brower	325	48	373	256	26	282	91	45	45	2	1	302	.....	.....	.....	30	29
Hickory	F. A. Roan	350	25	375	195	26	220	135	40	40	.....	.....	260	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Lenoir	S. T. B Peace	400	.....	400	279	.....	.....	121	55	50	2	2	328	1	.....	.....	25	18
Lincolnton	S R. McCorkle	150	.....	150	41	.....	41	109	20	9	4	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	1	3
Macpelah	J R. Diggs	500	30	530	300	30	330	200	120	84	4	3	418	2	.....	2	20	20
Marion	A. W. McMaster	200	.....	200	140	.....	140	60	45	45	1	.....	185	1	1	1	4	2
Patterson	G T Johnson	160	20	180	132	20	152	28	20	28	.....	.....	180	.....	.....	....	3	1
Shelby and Fallston	Dorsey McRae	335	.....	335	141	.....	.....	194	50	.....	2	.....	179	.....	.....	.....	8	.....
Sherrill's Ford & Newton	J. C Addie.	300	....	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	50	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waynesv'le & W. Ashev	R D Buthea	185	.....	185	101	.....	.....	84	40	40	1	.....	141	.....	.....	.....	20	12
Wilkesboro	David Connell	230	.....	230	83	.....	83	147	32	22	2	1	105	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total		3835	191	4026	1893	155	1656	1519	647	488	19	7	2671	4	1	3	136	101

STATISTICS No. III—WILMINGTON DISTRICT, NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE, 1897.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR	Pastor's Support.							Support of P. Elders.		Support of Bishops		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishops.	Conference Claimants			Current Expenses.	
		Claims.			Receipts.									Ree'd from				
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Deficiencies.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid.		Collections	Other Sources.	Total.	Church: Sexton, Lights, Fuel, &c.	Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books &c.
Charlotte	J. W. Davis	$ 335	$ 40	$ 375	$ 335	$ 48	$ 383	$	$ 50	$ 50	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 140	$ 20
Columbus	A. B. McQueen	50	36	86	43	36	79	7	10	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	1
Concord and Monroe	T. Mills	100	100	200	200	100	300	136	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40
Fayetteville and P Hall	A. Clark	60	36	96	40	36	76	20	18	5	1	.....	76	.....	.....	.....	5	.....
Hamlet and So. Pines	G. F. Hill	145	42	187	145	42	187	.....	30	30	.....	.....	187	2	.....	2	10	1
Laurinburg	W. P. Hayes	500	36	536	483	36	519	17	100	90	2	2	638	4	.....	4	40	.....
Lumberton	J. P. Franklin	500	36	536	375	36	411	125	100	70	1	1	412	1	.....	1	40	15
Maxton	G. W. Byers	500	48	548	422	48	470	78	90	71	2	2	540	3	.....	3	20	100
Melrose	Henry Evans	400	25	425	324	25	349	.....	82	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	16
Rowland and Salem	J. D. Murphy	400	24	424	400	....	400	24	62	58	1	1	459	2	.....	2	8	10
Swan Station and Vass	Sup. A. Covington	150	.....	150	94	.....	.....	56	15	15	.....	.....	109	.....	.....	.....	4	3
Wilmington	J. W. Murph	500	60	560	135	60	195	365	16	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	3
Total		3640	483	4123	2696	467	3369	827	513	469	7	6	2421	12	.....	12	301	209

STATISTICS No. III—RALEIGH DISTRICT, NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE, 1897.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR	Pastor's Support.							Support of P. Elders		Support of Bishops.		Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops.	Conference Claimants.			Current Expenses.	
		Claims.			Receipts.									Rec'd from				
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Deficiencies.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Total Support:	Collections.	Other Sources	Total.	Church: Sexton Light, Fuel, &c.	Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, &c.
Danville	Sup. Isaac Garrett.	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ ...	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ ....
Durham	Sup — — —. . ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Goldsboro	M. C. Rogers	125	30	155	79	30	108	46	20	20	.....	.....	129	1	. ....	1	25	2
Oxford	R. W. S. Thomas,...	125	....	125	119	.....	.....	6	20	19	.....	.... .	138	.....	.....	.....	36	13
Newbern	J. P. Jones	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Norfolk and Prin. Anne	Evander McDaniel..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oberlin	L. G. McDonald.....	200	35	235	173	35	208	27	20	19	1	1	228	.....	... ..	.....	13	14
Raleigh	Sup. A. J. Miller....	100	12	112	35	.....	35	77	10	10	.. ...	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	6	4
Townesville& Henders'n	R. P. Hairston.....	200	24	224	137	24	161	63	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....	750	101	851	543	89	513	219	84	84	1	1	530	1	.....	1	80	33

STATISTICS No. IV.—GREENSBORO DISTRICT, NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE, FOR 1897.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.															
	Missions			Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.	Education.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	Total Other Benevolent Collections.	General Conference Expenses.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Fund.
	Church.	Sunday School.	Total.					Public Educational Collection.	Children's Fund.							
Benaja and Thompsonville	$ 1	$...	$ 1	$...	$...	$...	$ 1	$...	$ 1	$...	$...	$...	$...	$...	$ 2	$...
Caswell	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Center and Julian	1	3	4	2	1	1	5	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	3
East Greensboro	5	.....	5	1	1	1	8	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1
Greensboro	10	25	35	5	.....	.....	135	.....	10	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	3	1
Leaksville	1	6	7	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Madison	7	10	17	5	1	1	22	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	3	1
Madison Circuit	2	2	4	1	1	.....	2	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2
Ramseur	2	.....	2	2	1	1	7	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2
Reidsville	4	4	8	2	1	.....	15	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	4	1
Rocky Mount and Boon's Mill	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
South Greensboro	3	.....	3	2	1	.....	12	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1	1
Summerfield	5	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1
West Greensboro	3	.....	3	1	1	.....	2	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	46	50	96	21	8	4	220	6	43	1	.....	3	17	.....	23	13

STATISTICS No. IV.—WINSTON DISTRICT, NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE, FOR 1897.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.															
	Missions.			Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.	Education.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	Total Other Benevolent Collections.	General Conference Expenses.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Fund.
	Church.	Sunday School.	Total.					Public Educational Collection.	Children's Fund.							
Advance	$ 11	$ 5	$ 15	$ 4	$ 1	$ 1	$ 10	$ 1	$ 1	$ 1	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$ 2	$ 1
Asheboro	3	6	9	1	1	1	18	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....
Dobson	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....
High Point	3	6	9	4	.....	.....	15	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Jonesville	3	.....	3	2	.....	.....	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1
Kernersville	1	1	2	1	.....	.....	9	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Lexington	1	5	6	1	1	1	6	.....	9	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1
Mayhew	3	.....	3	1	.....	.....	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1	.....
Mitchell	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	5	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....
Mt. Airy	10	5	15	4	1	1	14	3	5	.....	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	3
Salisbury	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Statesville and Philadelphia	1	1	2	2	1	.....	2	.....	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	1
Trinity	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....
Walnut Cove	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	15	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	1
Winston	10	50	60	10	2	2	150	.....	30	1	1	2	15	.....	5	2
Yadkin	2	.....	2	1	1	.....	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....
Total	48	80	128	34	8	6	257	7	52	3	1	4	41	.....	22	8

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.															
	Missions.			Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.	Education.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	Total Other Benevolent Collections.	General Conference Expenses.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Fund.
	Church.	Sunday School.	Total.					Public Educational Collection.	Children's Fund.							
Asheville	$....	$ 8	$ 7	$....	$....	$....	$ 2	$....	$ 1	$....	$....	$ 8	$ 20	$....	$....	$....
Boone and Jefferson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Forest City	2 2	2	4	1	.....	.....	1	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Franklin	4	8	12	5	1	1	10	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	2	1
Gastonia and Stanly Creek	.....	10	10	2	.....	.....	7	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....
Hickory	8	12	20	1	.....	.....	18	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1	2
Lenoir	2	.....	2	1	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lincolnton	4	7	11	5	1	1	30	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	3
McPelah	.....	4	4	5	.....	.....	2	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....
Marion	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Patterson	.....	.....	2	2	.....	.....	15	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shelby and Fallston	1	2	1	2	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Sherrill's Ford and Newton	7	1	8	2	.....	.....	3	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waynesville and West Asheville	3	4	9	3	1	.....	6	1	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1
Wilkesboro																
Total	34	57	91	31	3	2	103	1	63	.....	.....	8	30	.....	8	7

STATISTICS No. IV.—WILMINGTON DISTRICT, NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE, FOR 1897.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.															
	Missions.							Education.								
	Church.	Sunday School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.	Public Educational Collection.	Children's Fund.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	Total Other Benevolent Collections.	General Conference Expenses.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Fund
Charlotte	$ 10	$ 10	$ 20	$ 5	$ 1	$	$ 20	$	$ 5	$	$	$	$ 10	$	$	$ ....
Columbus	2	.....	2	1	.....	.....	2	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Concord and Monroe	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
Fayetteville and Prospect Hall	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	4	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hamlet and Southern Pines	5	.....	5	4	.....	.....	5	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....
Laurinburg	4	14	18	3	.....	.....	10	1	8	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	5	2
Lumberton	30	10	40	4	1	1	25	1	5	1	1	1	23	.....	1	1
Maxton	15	.....	15	5	1	1	30	.....	10	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	1
Melrose	2	.....	2	2	.....	.....	20	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	1
Rowland and Salem	10	.....	10	4	1	1	20	.....	7	1	.....	1	.....	.....	2	1
Swan Station and Vass	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilmington	4	4	8	3	1	1	6	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1
Total	86	38	124	33	5	4	140	9	52	3	1	4	46	1	12	7

STATISTICS No. IV.—RALEIGH DISTRICT, NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE, FOR 1897.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.															
	Missions.			Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.	Education.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	Total Other Benevolent Collections.	General Conference Expenses.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Fund.
	Church.	Sunday School.	Total.					Public Educational Collection.	Children's Fund.							
	$....	$....	$....	$....	$....	$....	$....	$....	$....	$....	$....	$....	$....	$....	$....	$....
Danville																
Durham																
Goldsboro	7		7				2		2	1			2		1	
Oxford		7	7	1	1		14		3	1						
New Berne						1	4									
Norfolk and Princess Anne																
Oberlin		5	5	1	1		8		3						1	1
Raleigh	1		1				1									
Townesville and Henderson	3	1	4				6	2	2				1			
Total	11	13	24	2	2	1	35	2	10	2			3		2	1

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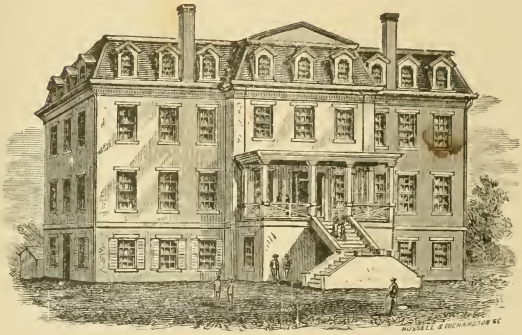

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